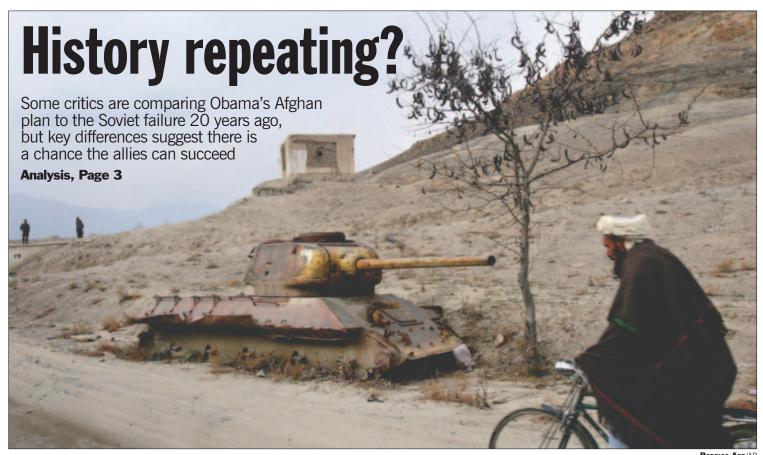
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THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN



An Afghan man passes an old Soviet tank used during the USSR's occupation. The U.S.-led war in Afghanistan bears ominous similarities to the Soviet war there 20 years ago, when a modern army was humbled by small guerrilla bands and the invaders struggled to prop up an unpopular government in Kabul.

Pakistan wary of new Afghan policy

BY RAPHAEL G. SATTER AND GREGORY KATZ The Associated Press

LONDON — Pakistan's prime minister Thursday signaled his country's cautious response to President Barack Obama's new policy for Pakistan and Afghanistan by declining to endorse the U.S.-led troop surge

Instead, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said his government needs more information about Obama's plan to expand the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan and at the same time increase aid to Pakistan.

Gilani said Pakistan was looking into the policy announced by Obama on Tuesday, including the suggestion that more covert CIA resources would be deployed in Pakistan, where the central government faces a strong threat from Islamic extremists.

"Regarding the new policy of President Obama, we are studying that policy," Gilani said during a joint news conference with his British counterpart, Gordon Brown, in London. "We need more clarity on it, and when we get more clarity on it, we can see what we can implement on that plan."

Unlike Brown, who strongly supports Obama's approach and is sending 500 more British troops to Afghanistan to augment the surge. Pakistani leaders remained silent until Gilani's carefully worded comments.

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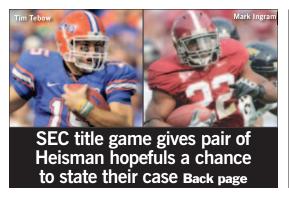


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DOD to miss deadline for removing Social Security numbers from IDs

By CHARLIE REED Stars and Stripes

The Defense Department will not meet its end-of-the-year deadline for removing Social Security numbers from military ID cards as they are issued or renewed, the Pentagon has confirmed.

It is not clear how much progress, if any, has been made toward meeting that goal or any aspect of a sweep-

ing identity theft protection plan the DOD established last year. It came at the direction of the White House, which in 2007 required all federal agencies to begin eliminating the use of Social Security numbers when possible to help prevent fraud. There are approximately 12 million military ID cards in circulation, although not all have Social Security numbers, according to the Pentagon.

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"I don't think it is an issue of the Canadians being the bad guys, but then again, who knows?"

—The Pentagon's acting director for counterintelligence on the possibility of Canadian coins carrying radio transmitters into secret intelligence meetings

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Incirlik Rocks



Lauren Padden/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Kid Rock and Jessie James perform at the Tour for the Troops concert Tuesday at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Kid Rock and his Twisted Brown Trucker Band, along with James and comedian Carlos Mencia, will perform Wednesday at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Dec. 11 at RAF Lakenheath, England.

Yokota student creates winning poster

A student at Yokota West Elementary School in Japan was among the winners in a national Constitution Day poster drawing contest, the American Library Association announced this week.

Fourth-grader Jasmyn Coleman. 9, beat out thousands of entrants in the contest with a poster of the American flag to commemorate the Sept. 17 anniversary of the signing of the U.S.

Constitution. judges Jasmyn Three selected and 12 other winners last month from among 2.395



Courtesy of American Library Association

entries from 37 states and Department of Defense schools in Italy, Japan and South Korea, according to a co-sponsor of the contest, the Johnson County Library in Overland Park, Kan.

The contest, which was open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade, was meant to celebrate the U.S. Constitution by highlighting the Bill of Rights, voting rights and the need to preserve liberties.

From staff reports

Numbers: Widely used numbers tough to remove, replace

NUMBERS, FROM PAGE 1

Military officials have refused repeated requests from Stars and Stripes for interviews regarding the matter since October and provided the following statement Wednesday: "The Department of Defense is committed to removal of the Social Security number on [the] Common Access Card (CAC). Further information regarding this effort will be provided as it becomes available."

Despite an Oct. 16 statement from the Pentagon saying the goal was on track to be met, spokeswoman Maj. April Cunningham on Tuesday said the military would not meet its self-imposed December 2009 deadline for phasing out Social Security numbers on ID

Eliminating the sensitive numbers from IDs was supposed to be the easiest part of the DOD Social Security Number Reduction Plan, Mary Dixon, director of Defense Manpower Data Center, told Stars and Stripes in 2008. The more challenging aspect, she said, would be overhauling the military's record-keeping procedures and computer information systems for pay, benefits and health care.

In the Oct. 16 statement, the Pentagon said that every DOD agency was "working to adjust their business processes ... to determine where they require the use of the SSN and they can make use of some other alternative.3

But at least one major DOD agency, Tricare, is not.

Despite a memo outlining the Social Security Number Reduction Plan on the military health care system's Web site, Tricare currently has no plans to modify business processes to reduce the use of Social Security numbers, Tricare spokesman Austin Camacho said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes last

Where some agencies stand

Tricare

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Veterans Affairs

The VA already has removed Social Security numbers from the ID cards of 3 million of its 5.1 million patients. It also has removed the numbers from mail-order prescription medicine bottles and most printed patient documents.

It was unclear Thursday to what extent other DOD agencies were involved in revamping operations to reduce the use of Social Se-

The Department of Veterans Affairs, which does not fall under the auspices of the DOD, already has removed Social Security numbers from the ID cards of 3 million of its 5.1 million patients, said Gail Belles, director of health care security requirement services.

It also has removed the numbers from mailorder prescription medicine bottles and most printed patient documents, Belles said.

Even before the 2007 White House mandate, the VA already had begun a massive overhaul to improve data security after two high-profile breaches in 2006, when unencrypted laptop computers containing the records of millions of patients were stolen.

The VA in January will begin surveying its offices and 1,200-plus treatment facilities and building a database to determine where Social Security numbers can be eliminated from use. Officials are aiming to replace the Social Security number with another number unique to each individual patient for day-today operations, Belles said.

Still, Social Security numbers will always be part of patients' records as a means of authenticating their identity when necessary, she said.

Like the DOD, the VA expects challenges in revamping most of its day-to-day functions that now center on Social Security numbers.

"It's the real challenge because the SSN is so widely used, and it's embedded in all our process in the health care environment," Belles said. "It was not an issue years ago. Now we just have to do that comprehensive look and change our practices and culture.

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Female students pass near an old Soviet helicopter in Kabul in April 2004. The U.S.-led war in Afghanistan bears ominous similarities to the disastrous Soviet war there 20 years ago.

Key differences between U.S., Soviet wars in Afghanistan

By Douglas Birch The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The U.S.-led war in Afghanistan bears ominous similarities to the disastrous Soviet war there 20 years ago, when a modern army was humbled by small guerrilla bands and the invaders struggled to prop up an unpopular government in Kabul.

But comparisons like these, often cited by critics of President Barack Obama's planned surge, have emphasized similarities while ignoring key differences in the position of the Soviet Union then and the U.S. and NATO

While more than 850 members of the U.S. military have died as a result of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, those losses still represent a fraction of 14,500 Soviet deaths in Moscow's Afghan adventure.

During the 10 years the USSR fought in Afghanistan, the country was a Cold War battleground, pitting a Kremlin-backed atheist government against Muslim

Analysis

fighters clandestinely supported by the U.S., Pakistan, Iran, China and Saudi Arabia.

By the late 1980s, the U.S.

and the others were supplying the rebels with everything from transport mules to advanced weaponry, including the Stinger anti-aircraft missiles that played a crucial role in neutralizing Soviet air power.

Today the Western allies face an insurgency in Afghanistan that is largely homegrown and self-financed, in part through opium production. No government publicly supports the Taliban.

Dark assessments of the West's chances in Afghanistan typically dwell on Moscow's setbacks while ignoring its successes, including the creation of a relatively stable Afghan government and a 300,000-strong army.
In the current conflict, mili-

tants have turned parts of Pakistan into sanctuaries, as they did during the Soviet war. But unlike the Soviets, the U.S. has been able to extend its air power into these ungoverned regions.

The U.S. has alienated many Afghans through its bombing raids, which have caused numerous civilian casualties.

But U.S. and Western troops have trod far more lightly than Soviet military forces, some of whom robbed farmers, looted markets and used air power indiscriminately, sometimes wiping out villages.

Obama's plan for ending the U.S.-led war against the Taliban bears a striking resemblance to former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's scheme for ending his country's Afghan war 20 years ago.

After Gorbachev took power in 1985, he authorized a surge in military forces. But he gave his generals a year to win the war. After that, he warned, they would have to withdraw.

Pakistan: Results of U.S. effort mixed

PAKISTAN, FROM PAGE 1

Analysts said the lack of a public endorsement of U.S. policy is in part a response to rising anti-American sentiment in Pakistan that prevents national leaders from publicly embracing expanded U.S. aid — even if they need the support.

Since 2001, the U.S. has given the Pakistani army billions of dollars to try to get it to fight Islamic militants along the Afghan border. Starting last year, the U.S. began a sustained program of covert missile strikes against militant targets close to the border.

The results have been mixed.

While the army has taken on the Pakistani Taliban, it has failed to go after Afghan Taliban leaders who base their operations in the tribal areas in the border region. At the same time, anti-Western sentiment has grown.

Many Western officials and analysts believe Pakistan is playing off both sides - accepting U.S. funds to crack down on Pakistani militants while tolerating the Afghan Taliban in the expectation that the radical Islamic movement will take power in Afghanistan once the Americans withdraw.

Shaun Gregory, an expert on Pakistani security at the University of Bradford in Britain, said the Pakistanis will take note of Obama's pledge to start bringing U.S. troops home from Afghanistan in July 2011.

"The Pakistanis are smart enough to read the signals coming out of Washington," Gregory said. "It seems to me that the army's longer-term strategy of broadly backing the Afghan Taliban is paying off now. They have their tails up.

Gilani has been lukewarm to the idea of a troop surge, saying he fears it would merely push Afghan militants across the mountainous border region into Pakistan.

McChrystal on mission to sell **Afghan strategy**

From wire reports

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan worked to sell the new American strategy for the country to leaders there on Thursday, promising that international troops will not start leaving until national security forces are ready to take over.

"We will not decrease coalition forces without the increase of Afghan national security forces capability," Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, told members of the Afghan Parliament in a special briefing. "It will not be over [in summer 2011]. It will take time after that. It will take years after that, together, to provide security and continue to secure Afghanistan.'

President Barack Obama's new plan for the war in Afghanistan, unveiled in a nationwide address on Tuesday, calls for the dispatch of 30,000 more troops to the country but also includes assurances that some of them will begin withdrawing in July 2011.

Obama also authorized Defense Secretary Robert Gates to deploy up to 3,000 more troops beyond the 30,000 to work as enablers or support staff for the surge. On Thursday, Gates told members of Congress he will ask for the additional 3,000.

In addition, U.S. special envoy Richard C. Holbrooke on Thursday predicted that NATO allies will soon contribute more of their own to the Afghanistan surge, despite the war's unpopularity in many ally countries.

NATO spokesman James Appathurai said pledges from the alliance already have exceeded 5,000 troops. More than 20 nations are expected to make firm commitments at a force-generation conference on Monday and following the international conference on Afghanistan in January, he said.

McChrystal told the Afghan leaders that the main focus of the new ground troops will be in Afghanistan's volatile south, where the Taliban's influence is strongest.

Parliamentarians at Thursday's meeting said they were worried about being deserted by international troops so soon, according to those who participated in a closed-door question-and-answer session with the general.

Daoud Sultanzai, a parliamentarian from Ghazni province, said the lawmakers voiced concerns that the two-year deadline meant U.S. forces were not committed to the country

'It is interpreted that the United States and the international community will start leaving Afghanistan," Sultanzai said.



U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, leaves a briefing with coalition officers at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, on Wednesday.

The Taliban issued a statement Wednesday that said more Americans would die under the Obama plan, which would give them an opportunity "to increase their attacks and shake the American economy, which is already facing crisis.

Taliban leaders have ruled out formal talks until U.S. and other foreign troops leave the country. But in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he's willing to talk with reclusive Taliban chief Mullah Omar in a bid to bring peace to the country if the move would have the backing of the United States and other international partners.

"We must talk to the Taliban as an Afghan necessity," he said. The fight against terrorism and extremism cannot be won by fighting alone.

Karzai also dismissed concerns about a planned U.S. military drawdown. "For Afghans, it's good that we

are facing a deadline," he said.
"We must begin to stand on our own feet. And we must begin to defend our own country.

The U.S. now has 71,000 troops in Afghanistan, while other NATO members and allies collectively have 38,000 troops there. With the reinforcements, the international forces will grow to more than 140,000.

Ambassador: Schwab only option for move

Minority party vows to leave coalition over plan

By David Allen Stars and Stripes

GINOWAN, Okinawa - There is no viable alternative to moving Marine air operations to a new air facility on Camp Schwab, the U.S. ambassador to Japan said Wednesday.

a minority party has However, announced it would consider pulling out of Japan's new coalition government unless the Marine air units move somewhere else preferably outside Japan.

During an interview with Stars and Stripes at the consul general's residence in Ginowan, on a ridge overlooking Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Ambassador John Roos said his three-day visit to Okinawa made him realize how important it is to reduce the U.S. military's footprint on the island.

He said a visit to the island's Peace Prayer Memorial Park, where the names of the 240,856 people who died during the Battle of Okinawa at the end of World War II are inscribed on black granite walls, was a moving moment.

"It's a very powerful statement of the necessity to maintain peace and stability in this region of the world," Roos said, adding that the Okinawa bases are important to accomplish the U.S. commitment to defend Japan and to deter aggression in the region.

The 2006 bilateral agreement to realign U.S. troops in Japan accomplishes those goals and reduces the U.S. presence on Okinawa, he added. Moving Marine air operations to Camp Schwab would lead to closing most of the U.S. bases south of Kadena Air Base and transferring more than 8.000 Marines and their families to

But it's all interconnected with maintain-

ing the region's security, Roos stressed.
"The Roadmap to Realignment is a complex package," he said. "It has a lot of different parts, and one of the parts is reducing the burden. Other parts include maintaining the deterrence, so, you can't pick pieces out. You've got to look at the package as a whole.'

The 2006 agreement was reached with the more conservative Liberal Democratic Party, which ruled Japan almost unchecked for 54 years. The new more central-left government of Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama took control in September and promptly called for a review of the agreement.

Roos said he understood the need for

the review.
"When the Obama administration came into power, it very naturally reviewed a lot of policies," he said. "They reviewed the realignment roadmap, and they pretty quickly came to the conclusion that it's the best and only viable option.'



John Roos, U.S. ambassador to Japan, said Wednesday that moving Marine Corps air operations from Futenma to Camp Schwab is the only option to reduce the U.S. footprint on Okinawa.

Meanwhile, in Tokyo on Thursday, Mizuho Fukushima, leader of the Social Democratic Party, a junior partner in Hatoyama's government, threatened to break the coalition if the government goes along with the Camp Schwab option for MCAS Futenma.

"The SDP and I have a major decision to make if the Cabinet decides to keep the base within Okinawa," she said at the beginning of a meeting of party officials Thursday, according to NHK radio news.

Hatoyama's coalition needs the cooperation of the pacific SDP in order to smoothly proceed with its agenda.

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U.S. Pacific bases escape worst of '09 typhoons

By Dave Ornauer

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — By all accounts, the 2009 northwest Pacific's tropical cyclone season was a relatively quiet one for U.S. bases.

Twenty-six numbered storms had received Joint Typhoon Warning Center warnings during the June 1-Nov. 30 season. Of those, 22 were severe enough to become named storms. However, only a handful threatened Pacific military bases.

The season continued a pattern of belownormal storm activity for U.S. bases. Not since 2007 has Okinawa, at the heart of so-called "Typhoon Alley," been hit by a typhoon, and only three times has the highest warning, Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness 1-E, been issued in the past five years.

U.S. bases on Okinawa reverted from TCCOR-4 to All Clear on Tuesday, signaling the end of the season on the island. Guam remains in TCCOR-4 year-round.

"We've been lucky," said Senior Master Sgt. Brian McDonald of Kadena Air Base's 18th Wing Weather Flight. He added that no single weather factor has been responsible for the five-year downturn.

Taiwan and the Philippines bore the brunt of the season, getting hit by a combined 12 storms.

"There are going to be years" like this, when those two countries get pounded, then the tracks might shift more over Japan and Okinawa, McDonald said. "The water has certainly been warm enough. It's just that nothing's come our way."

It's a far cry from 2004, when a recordtying 28 numbered storms were recorded and 13 of those affected Japan and Okinawa — eight of them from September to November alone.

The Philippines suffered the worst during the 2009 season and prompted a U.S. military humanitarian relief mission. Typhoon Ketsana rumbled through Luzon in late September, flooding metro Manila, killing at least 246 people, causing more than \$100 million in damage and leaving thousands homeless. Typhoon Parma brought even more rain the next week.

Typhoon Morakot in August became the deadliest storm in Taiwan's history, with 461 killed, 192 missing and \$3.3 billion in damage. Morakot dumped nearly 110 inches of rain and triggered floods and landslides throughout mountainous southern Taiwan.

Prior to making landfall, Morakot lashed Okinawa with 65 mph wind gusts. U.S. bases reached TCCOR-3 for a day, and the storm forced 252 flight cancellations, stranding more than 41,000 during the peak Obon summer holidays.

Mainland Japan took its hardest hit on Oct. 8, when Melor, the season's 20th storm, slammed ashore near Nagoya, killing two and injuring 114. Flights were canceled at Japan's major international airports, more than 3 million train passengers were delayed, U.S. Navy ships put to sea and base schools were closed.

Though the season is technically over, one typhoon remains active in the northwest Pacific: Nida, the 26th storm of the season, spawned southeast of Guam on

50th anniversary of the chief master sergeant



SAMUEL MORSE/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Misawa Air Base's newest chief master sergeants, Phillip Easton and Suzanne Talbert, light candles during the Chiefs' Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday at the Collocated Club. The ceremony marked the 50th anniversary for that rank. On Dec. 1, 1959, 625 chief master sergeants, called "charter chiefs," were promoted to the rank as part of the Career Compensation Act of 1958.

Lawyer seeks delay of Hasan sanity exam

Fort Hood suspect is too medically impaired, says attorney

By LEE HANCOCK AND BROOKS EGERTON The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan's defense attorney sought Wednesday to delay a sanity examination for the suspect in the Fort Hood, Texas, massacre, saying that his client is still too medically impaired to participate.

"This is getting dirty," lawyer John Galligan said of the Army. "These guys have made it clear that they're going for blood."

His comments came as prosecutors at Fort Hood filed 32

more military charges against the Army psychiatrist, accusing him of trying to murder 30 soldiers and two civilian police officers during the Nov. 5 massa.



Hasan

was charged last month with 13 counts of premeditated murder for the deaths of a dozen soldiers and a civilian.

Galligan said he filed court papers to block any mental evaluation of his client until post commanders take action on a series of defense motions. For weeks, he has been seeking approval to hire a civilian private investigator and to have his security clearance reinstated.

The lawyer, a retired colonel and former chief judge of the military district that includes Fort Hood, has said classified "This is getting dirty. [The Army has] made it clear that they're going for blood."

John Galligan

lawyer for Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan

information could be key to his client's defense and to developing information for a sanity board

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He added Wednesday that the only evidence his team has received so far from the Army is statements from witnesses to the attack.

"The prosecution has been working for weeks, and we've nothing to allow us to move forward," he said. "Any denial or further delay of our requests denies Maj. Hasan a fair and impartial investigation of the charges."

The Army did not respond to requests for comment.

Galligan and independent military law experts say Hasan's defense may hinge on the sanity evaluation.

"In most cases, I'm not that concerned about competence," the lawyer said. "In this case, I have serious misgivings about my client's competence. I can go and for brief periods of time engage in coherent conversation with him. But when a person cannot engage in detailed and lengthy conversa-

tions, I have grave concerns."
Hasan remains in intensive care at an Army hospital, paralyzed from the chest down by the police gunfire that ended the massacre. He repeatedly fell asleep during a recent pretrial

confinement hearing.

Even if Galligan wins a delay, he faces an uphill fight. Military law experts say successful insant ity defenses in military courts are even rarer than in civilian trials.

Defense lawyers must show that the accused has a mental illness so severe that he can't tell right from wrong. And to prove that, it helps to have a documented history of disease and diagnosis — which would have kept the defendant out of the military in the first place or would have led to his discharge.

Defense attorneys also would benefit from showing that their client has had trouble functioning as an adult, said Victor Hansen, a professor at New England School of Law in Boston who has extensive experience as a military judge, prosecutor and defense lawver.

Hasan did have a number of problems during his psychiatric training, and some colleagues questioned his mental stability.

But in the end, he completed advanced degrees and was promoted repeatedly within the Army. Jurors probably would see that as evidence that "he has been highly functioning," Hansen said.

The military standard of mental responsibility is nearly identical to legal requirements for an insanity defense in federal courts. A military board, usually one to three military psychiatrists and psychologists, is asked to determine two issues:

■ First, does a defendant understand enough about what is happening in court proceedings to be competent to assist in and cooperate with his their own defense?

■ The second issue is key to any insanity defense: Was the defendant mentally responsible at the time of the alleged crime?

Under military law, a defendant can be found to be not mentally responsible if defense lawyers prove by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has a severe mental condition that made him unable to recognize that a criminal act was wrong.

A 2006 academic review of Army mental responsibility cases noted that prosecutors can challenge a mental responsibility or insanity defense by showing that a defendant had moments of mental responsibility at specific times around the commission of a crime.

The review, written by four Army psychiatrists, and published in the Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, stated that only severe

Fort Hood units may go to Afghanistan

HOUSTON — A Pentagon spokesman says hurry-up deployments to Afghanistan by Army combat units at Fort Hood and other stateside posts are likely early next year.

That's in the wake of President Barack Obama's disclosure Tuesday night of plans for a 30,000-troop surge to Afghanistan.

Marine Maj. Shawn Turner, spokesman for Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, told the Houston Chronicle that Fort Hoodbased units and others will be designated publicly as soon as Friday to join the surge.

Turner did not specify units likely to deploy to Afghanistan. But he said two units, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 4th Brigade Combat Team from the 1st Cavalry Division, will continue preparing for deployment to Iraq.

From The Associated Press

mental diseases or defects such as psychosis qualified. "The defendant must be totally unable to appreciate the nature and wrongfulness of his acts."

The 2006 review added that data from the Army's judiciary indicated that only six cases out of a total of 21,273 Army courts martial between 1990 and 2006-fewer than 0.15 percent of all cases- ended in a finding of not guilty by reason of lack of mental responsibility.

Pentagon e-mails suggest distrust of Canada

By TED BRIDIS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — How much does the U.S. government really trust Canada? Maybe less than you think.

Espionage warnings from the Defense Department caused an international sensation a few years ago over reports of mysterious coins with radio frequency transmitters, until they were debunked. The culprit turned out to be a commemorative quarter in Canada

But at the height of the mystery, senior Pentagon officials speculated whether Canadians were involved in the spy caper.

"I don't think it is an issue of the Canadians being the bad guys," the Pentagon's counterintelligence chief wrote in an exchange of e-mails, "but then again, who knows."

In the e-mails, Pentagon officials question whether they should warn military officers in the U.S. Northern Command, who regularly met Canadian counterparts about classified subjects inside bugproof, government meeting rooms. The rooms are known as secure compartmentalized information facilities, or SCIFs.

"Isn't the Canadian piece something that should be briefed to Northcom since the Canadians sit in their SCIFs?" asked the Pentagon's deputy director for counterintelligence oversight, in e-mails marked



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Commemorative coin or radio frequency transmitter?

"Secret/NoForn."

"Good point," replied the Pentagon's acting director for counterintelligence. "It is possible that DSS (the U.S. Defense Security Service) sent their report to Northcom. Then again, I don't think it is an issue of the Canadians being the bad guys, but then again, who knows."

Who knows?

What suspicious contractors believed to be "nanotechnology" on the coins actually was a protective coating the Royal Canadian Mint applied to prevent the poppy's red color from rubbing off.

Bill would let gay troops dodge 'don't ask' rules at testimony

By Lisa Leff

The Associated Press

Gay servicemembers who reveal their sexual orientations during congressional testimony would be immune from forced discharges under a bill introduced Wednesday.

The legislation's author, U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., said the bill is needed to ensure that Congress has reliable and relevant witnesses at its disposal if the House holds hearings next year on the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

But the measure has met surprising opposition from leading gay veterans groups.

Alexander Nichols, executive director of Servicemembers United said the legislation would not protect gay servicemembers from becoming pariahs within their units.

He thinks it is better for gay veterans to share their experiences than to put active duty service members at risk.

Aaron Belkin, director of the

Palm Center, a think tank devoted to gays in the military at the University of California, Santa Barbara, said that if the bill passes, it would be the first dent in "don't ask, don't tell" since the policy prohibiting service members from acknowledging they are gay was adopted in 1993. As such, it represents an important step toward full repeal, Belkin said.

"I don't think there is any down side," he said. "Politically, it is a very poignant thing to put a gay person on the stand because that is shining a spotlight on the lie that structures the whole policy. The move, in and of itself, before they even say anything, is powerful ammunition."

Since "don't ask, don't tell" took effect, nearly 13,000 troops have been dismissed because it became known they were gay. President Barack Obama said he favors lifting the ban but has asked for more time to persuade opponents in the Pentagon.

Fort Drum soldier arraigned in slayings

The Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio — A Fort Drum soldier accused of fatally stabbing two fellow servicemembers has been picked up in Ohio by deputies from New York, where he faces two counts of second-degree murder.

Joshua Hunter, 20, was arraigned Thursday on charges of being a fugitive from justice and waived his right to an extradition hearing in Portsmouth Municipal Court in southern Ohio.

Deputies picked him up by cruiser after the court hearing.

Authorities say Hunter was arrested at a nearby hotel early Wednesday.

The bodies of Spc. Waide James, 20, and Spc. Diego Valbuena, 23, each with multiple stab wounds, were found Tuesday morning in an apartment complex housing mostly military families in Evans Mills near the post's main entrance. Fort Drum is the 10th Mountain Division's

home base

A warrant was issued charging Hunter with two counts of second-degree murder, county prosecutor Cindy Intschert said at a news conference.

Based on a tip provided by New York authorities, Hunter was arrested at a hotel in Wheelersburg, Ohio, about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, said Capt. David Hall of the Scioto County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies called Hunter's cell phone and told him to surrender, which he did with-

out incident, Hall said.

"The impression we have right now is there's only one suspect," Tim Dowe, the Jefferson County undersheriff, said in a telephone interview.

Dowe declined to provide a motive or say whether a murder weapon was recovered. Autopsies were scheduled Wednesday.

Hunter did not have a lawyer, Hall said.

Hunter indicated to deputies that he did not intend to fight extradition, Hall said.

Pacific Fleet shifts submarines, ship

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Two submarines and a submarine support ship are changing their homeports within the next two years, U.S. Pacific Fleet officials announced this week.

The submarine tender USS Emory S. Land will deploy to Diego Garcia, an island in the Indian Ocean, following maintenance at its current homeport in Bremerton, Wash., according to a news release.

The ship will offer maintenance primarily to fastattack and guided-missile submarines in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Meanwhile, the fast-attack submarine USS City of Corpus Christi will leave Guam and be replaced by the USS Oklahoma City.

The Corpus Christi will relocate to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where it will undergo maintenance shortly after arrival.

While there may be some overlap time where both submarines are ported at Guam, the additional submarine is not part of a long-term increase in Guam's military buildup, according to the news release.

The fast-attack submarine USS Los Angeles will leave Pearl Harbor for inactivation in the winter, the news release added.

Ocean Breeze club opens on Okinawa

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Ocean Breeze, a two-level, 43,000-square-foot consolidated club, opened its doors here Friday, according to the Okinawa Marine Corps Community Services Web site.

The club features a 165-seat, Mediterranean-themed dining room, two banquet rooms and a 118-machine gaming area. The club also has enlisted and Staff NCO lounges.

For hours of operation and more information, call the Ocean Breeze at DSN 645-3666.

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Blackwater owner confirms secret CIA role

By Joby Warrick The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The founder of Blackwater Worldwide acknowledged in an interview published Wednesday that he had helped the CIA with secret programs targeting top al-Qaida leaders, a role he says was intended to give the agency "unattributable capability" in sensitive missions.

Erik Prince, owner of the military contractor now known as Xe Services, told Vanity Fair magazine that his company performed numerous "very risky missions' for the spy agency, some of which were improperly exposed in leaks to the news media.

The magazine, which was granted rare access to Prince and his deputies at the company's facilities in the United States and Afghanistan, said the former Navy SEAL had served a dual role for the CIA as both a contractor and an "asset," or spy, who carried

out secret missions as recently as two months ago, when the Obama administration terminated his contract.

Among other, previously undisclosed roles, Prince ran intelligence-gathering operations to coordinate the movement of undercover spies in "one of the so-called Axis of Evil countries.' the magazine said, citing unidentified sources familiar with his

"But when it became politically

expedient to do so, someone threw me under the bus," Prince said, referring to recent leaks about his company's CIA ties.

Blackwater was identified in press reports this summer as a participant in a secret CIA program that sought to use special teams of assassins to kill or capture al-Qaida leaders overseas. The program was halted in July after CIA Director Leon Panetta privately briefed congressional leaders about the effort and acknowledged that under the Bush administration, the agency had deliberately kept lawmakers in the dark.

Current and former intelligence officials have acknowledged that the program existed in three different forms over the past decade but was never fully operational.

Vanity Fair said the assassinteam program was begun in 2001 under Enrique "Ric" Prado, then the CIA chief of operations for counter-terrorism.

2 sides of Haditha incident presented

By GILLIAN FLACCUS The Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. A prosecutor has argued that a Marine Corps officer facing demotion failed to fully disclose and investigate the killing of two dozen Iraqi men, women and children by Marines under his command. But a de-

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The diverse descriptions of Lt. Col. Jeffrey Chessani emerged during opening statements Wednesday to a three-member

military panel that will determine

if Chessani should be demoted in

retirement for dereliction of duty.

a move his civilian attorney says could cost Chessani and his wife

a half-million dollars in benefits.

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The couple is expecting their sev-If the board finds no wrongdo-

ing, the case will be closed. If it finds misconduct, it can recommend that the secretary of the Navy order Chessani retired at a

Chessani had been charged with dereliction of duty for failing to investigate the killings in Haditha and was relieved of his command in 2006. However, a judge at Camp Pendleton dismissed the charges because of improper contact between a general overseeing the case and an investigator.

The Marines announced in April they would not pursue further criminal charges and referred the case to the administrative panel.

After the hearing ended Wednesday, the panel retired to review a number of documents. Testimony begins Monday.

Chessani's civilian attorney Brian Rooney said his client faces demotion to major, which would be a financial blow.

Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, the sole Marine who still faces criminal charges, is expected in military court early next year on nine counts of manslaughter. He has pleaded not guilty.

Iraq's Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi said there is time to reach a compromise on parliament elections.

Suicide bomber kills at least 5 in Tikrit

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials say a suicide bomber has killed at least five people in Saddam Hussein's hometown, including the chief of riot police.

A police official says the blast Thursday in Tikrit killed Lt. Col. Ahmed al-Fahal, two of his bodyguards and two civilians.

The official says the bomber targeted al-Fahal, who had been touring central Tikrit. The attack prompted security officials to impose a curfew in Tikrit.

Ex-U.K. defense chief: Iraq plan started in '02

LONDON — British military chiefs began planning for potential involvement in an Americanled invasion after a 2002 meeting between former President George W. Bush and ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair, an inquiry probing the U.K.'s participation in the war heard Thursday.

Admiral Lord Michael Boyce, who was chief of the defense staff at the time, said a small group of people were involved in the planning, which began after Bush and Blair met in Crawford, Texas, in April 2002 — a year before parliament authorized involvement.

'We started ramping up our thinking on the whole subject, of what we could provide if we were asked." Bovce said.

The inquiry is the most extensive examination yet of the war, and Blair is expected to testify early next year. The five-person panel is expected to offer recommendations by the end of next year — but was not set up to apportion blame or hold anyone liable for the conflict.

From The Associated Press

Iraq's VP open to talks on stalled election

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's vice president said Thursday he remains open to talks to break an impasse on holding parliament elections scheduled for next month, but that he stands by his demand that minority Sunnis have a greater voice in the voting.

A long delay of the elections could complicate the withdrawal timetables for U.S. forces, and chances appear to be dimming quickly for Iraq to hold the elections as scheduled on Jan 16.

The main obstacle is Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi's recent veto of a new proposed election law, which has blocked the whole process. He said the law does not give enough seats for Iraqis living abroad, most of whom are fellow

Some officials, including a U.N.

envoy, have proposed moving the voting to at least the end of February. Al-Hashemi said he was ready for more dialogue, but insisted he will not lift his veto unless his demands are met.

"I did not veto the law for the sake of veto, I had my legitimate justifications," he told a news conference.

Al-Hashemi's current veto expires Sunday. He either must reimpose the veto or the proposed election law will be automatically approved. That would leave officials with the option to either scramble to hold elections on schedule Jan. 16 or set a delayed

Al-Hashemi said "there is still time" to reach a compromise on holding the elections for an expanded 323-seat parliament.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is hoping to remain in power with the backing of a coalition that includes his main Shiite backers and some Sunni groups. But he faces a challenge from a wide-reaching Shiite alliance that includes the country's most powerful Shiite political group.

Washington is closely watching the election process. A toppling of the pro-Western al-Maliki administration could tip the leadership toward groups more wary of the United States. A long delay in the voting also could force military commanders to juggle both election security and the pullout

Al-Hashemi said he is studying proposals by U.N. monitors to find ways to move ahead with the elections. But he vowed not to lift his veto until the election plans "meet the national interests and fix the shortcomings."

IN THE WORLD

One of the wounded is taken to a medical-help area after an explosion in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Thursday. Police spokesman Col. Abdilahi Hassan Barise said three Somali Cabinet ministers are among 22 people killed in a bombing that ripped through a university graduation ceremony.

FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH/AP





22 dead in Somali suicide attack

By Mohamed Olad Hassan

The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A male suicide bomber dressed as a woman attacked a graduation ceremony Thursday in a small part of the capital still under government control, killing up to 22 people, including three Cabinet ministers, doctors and medical students.

The attack was a severe blow to a country long battered by war and underscored the government's tenuous hold on even a small area of Mogadishu.

African Union peacekeeping troops protecting the government wage near daily battles with Islamic militants who hold much of central and southern Somalia and act so brazenly in the capital that they carry out public executions.

"What happened today is a national disaster," said Somali Information Minister Dahir Mohamud Gelle, who confirmed that the ministers for education, higher education and health were killed in the blast.

The ministers for sports and tourism also were wounded in the attack inside the Shamo Hotel, he said.

The assailants hit one of Somalia's most important efforts to extricate itself from anarchy and violence, explaining the presence of so many top government officials. The former medical students among the graduates came from only the second class to receive diplomas from the medical school.

The first class graduated a year ago. Before then, almost two decades has passed since anyone earned a medical degree in Somalia. In the December 2008 ceremony, held at the same hotel, the graduates proudly hoisted diplomas into the air.

This year, there was mayhem as the bomb went off among 43 graduates, their families and officials who were sitting on plastic chairs facing a small stage, leaving the dead and wounded in bloody heaps.

More than 40 people were wounded.

No group immediately claimed responsibility, but suspicion fell upon the militant group al-Shabab, which has ties to al-Qaida, controls much of the country and has carried out past suicide attacks.

China sentences 5 more to death for Xinjiang riots

The Associated Press

BEIJING — A Chinese court sentenced five more people to death Thursday for killing a police officer with a brick, kicking bystanders to death and other crimes committed during ethnic riots that rocked the western region of Xinjiang in July.

The Intermediate People's Court of Urumqi also sentenced two others to life in prison, said a woman who answered the phone at the media center of the Xinjiang regional government. Like many Chinese officials, she re-

fused to give her name.

China announced last month that nine Uighurs had been executed for taking part in the ethnic rioting that left nearly 200 people dead in July.

It was China's worst ethnic violence in decades.

The five identified in the official Xinhua News Agency's report Thursday had names indicating they were Uighurs, and it said the cases were heard in the Uighur language.

Uighurs are a Turkic Muslim ethnic group linguistically and culturally distinct from the Han. Hundreds of people were rounded up after the riots, in which Uighurs attacked members of China's Han ethnic majority on July 5, only to face retaliatory attacks two days later.

Of the five sentenced to death Thursday, Memeteli Islam was accused of killing a police officer by smashing him in the back of the head with a brick.

Mamattursun Elmu and Memeteli Abburakm were accused of attacking a minibus and kicking a man and woman inside until they died. Mamattursun Elmu was also charged with setting

fire to a grain distribution center that killed five people.

Helil Sadir was accused of killing a bystander with a beer bottle and kicks to the face, and Kushiman Kurban was found guilty of stabbing a bystander to death.

China blames the rioting on overseas-based groups agitating for broader rights for Uighurs in Xinjiang.

Five months after the violence, Xinjiang remains smothered in heavy security, with Internet access cut and international direct dialing calls blocked.





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"We love to say yes"

Honduran Congress says 'no' to Zelaya

By Alexandra Olson The Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Honduras' Congress ended hopes of reversing a coup that has isolated one of the poorest countries in the Americas, voting against reinstating ousted President Manuel Zelaya despite intense in-

ternational pressure to do so.

The vote
Wednesday
was part of
a U.S.-brokered deal
to end Honduras' crisis
that left it up
to Congress
to decide
if Zelaya
should be



Zelaya

restored to office for the final two months of his term — and law-makers voted against the idea by a resounding 111-14 margin.

Zelaya, who listened to the proceedings from his refuge in the Brazilian Embassy, said even before the vote that he wouldn't return for a token two months if asked.

Military aide shoots, wounds Guinea leader

CONAKRY, Guinea — A renegade faction of Guinea's presidential guard opened fire on the African country's leader Thursday, slightly wounding him amid rumors of deep divisions within the army nearly three months after a military-led massacre of protesters at a peaceful rally.

protesters at a peaceful rally. President Moussa "Dadis" Camara was shot at by his military aide, who heads the presidential guard, Communications Minister Idrissa Cherif said. A statement read on state TV said the 45-year-old president had been slightly wounded but that his life was not in danger.

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North Korean defectors pushing for rights probe

By Hyung-jin Kim The Associated Press

- The communist government led by North Korean leader Kim Jong Il must be investigated for crimes against humanity for alleged human rights violations including ex-treme torture, sexual slavery and prison brutality, defectors said Thursday.
About 150 defectors from North

Korea signed a petition urging the International Criminal Court to investigate North Korea and arrest its authoritarian leader for alleged rights violations.

A group of defectors will travel to The Hague, Netherlands, next week to file the petition with the court, they said.

Activist Ha Tae-keung said if Sudan President Omar al-Bashir could be charged in March with war crimes and crimes against humanity for atrocities in the Darfur region, Kim Jong II should be prosecuted, too.



North Korean defector Kim Hae-voung weeps Thursday during a news conference in

"North Korea's crimes against humanity are no less serious than Sudan's," he told a news conference in Seoul.

North Korea has one of the world's worst human rights records but dismisses criticism as part of a U.S.-led attempt to overthrow its regime.

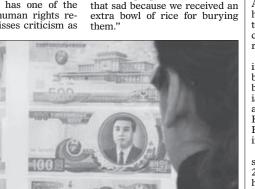
Last month, a key U.N. committee expressed "very serious concern" over widespread re-ports of rights violations. North Korea rejected the statement as "a trite political plot hatched by hostile forces."

North Korea runs at least five large political prison camps that hold an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 inmates, according to

the U.S. State Department.
Inmates are forced to toil for more than 10 hours a day, are poorly fed and do not receive medical aid, according to former

"Many people died while serv-ing in prison camps," said Jung Gyoung-il, who served three years in the North's infamous Yodok camp before fleeing the country in 2003.

"When people died, we weren't that sad because we received an extra bowl of rice for burying



South Koreans look at the North's banknotes in the Imjingak Pavilion near the border village of Panmunjom, South Korea, on Tuesday. North Korea revamped its national currency.

Change to currency causing more despair in North Korea

By Hyung-Jin Kim The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korean authorities threatened "merciless punishment" for defiance of new cur-rency rules, activists said Thursday, as the change sparked panic and despair among merchants left with piles of worthless bills.

North Korea informed citizens and foreign embassies Monday that it would redenominate its national currency, the won, diplomats said. Residents in the reclusive communist country were told they have until Sunday to exchange a limited amount of the old bills into new ones, they said.

The news sent Pyongyang residents distrustful of the local currency rushing to the black market to convert hoarded bills into U.S. dollars and Chinese yuan, South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported, citing unidentified North Korean traders operating in neighboring China.

Shops, bathhouses, barbershops and restaurants have shut their doors, activists said.

'We heard business and market activities were all suspended," said Lee Seung-yong, an official at Good Friends, a Seoul-based civic group. "People have no money to engage in business.

Authorities have threatened "merciless punishment" for anyone violating the rules of the currency exchange, Good Friends said Thursday.

The overhaul of the won — the most drastic in 50 years - appears aimed at curbing runaway inflation and clamping down on the street markets that have sprung up in the tightly controlled nation, analysts said.

Unable to feed its 24 million people, the regime began allowing some markets in 2002, including farmers' markets. The markets may have encouraged trade but they also brought in banned goods such as films and soap operas from South Korea, posing a threat to leader Kim Jong Il's totalitarian rule, analysts said. The country's largest wholesale market, in Pyongyang, reportedly was shut down in mid-June.

"This is aimed at rooting out the budding private sector and strengthening the government's control of the economy," said Jeong Kwang-min, a research fellow at the Institute for National Security Strategy in Seoul.

He said the move has a broader goal in mind: to pave the way for Kim Jong Il to turn over power to his youngest son, Kim Jong Un, and to ensure he inherits a stable economy.



American murder suspect Amanda Knox, left, is accompanied by a police officer prior to a defense hearing in Perugia, Italy, on

U.S. woman's trial nears end in Italy

By Marta Falconi AND ALESSAND RA RIZZO

The Associated Press

PERUGIA, Italy - Lawyers for American student Amanda Knox had their last chance Thursday to convince a jury she is inno-cent of the murder of her British roommate.

The session in the courtroom in Perugia was set aside for rebuttals by prosecutors as well as by lawyers for Knox and her Italian former boyfriend, who is also accused of murdering Meredith Kercher. Knox and co-defendant Raffaele Sollecito insist they are

Kercher was found fatally stabbed in the neck in November 2007 in her bedroom at the rented home she shared with Knox in Perugia. Kercher, Knox and Sollecito were all students in the Umbrian university town.

A verdict by the eight-member jury, which includes two judges, in the nearly yearlong trial could come as soon as Friday.

Escorted by prison guards, Knox looked tense as she came to the courtroom, where one of the prosecutors, Manuela Comodi, was opening the day's proceedings

with another appeal to the court to convict the two defendants.

Defense lawyers have a chance to counter the prosecutors' arguments when they address the court on Thursday afternoon.

While often smiling during much of the trial, the weight of two years in jail and the possibility of a conviction and a life sentence appeared to have taken their toll on Knox. She recently went as she proclaimed her innocence before

Prosecutors have requested a life sentence for Knox and Sollecito on charges they sexually assaulted and murdered Kercher. who shared a rented house with the American and other students. Both Knox, a 22-year-old student from Seattle, and Sollecito, an Italian who was her boyfriend at the time, have pleaded innocent.

The prosecutors have told the court a different story, depicting Knox and Kercher as two people who had grown apart. Prosecutor Giuliano Mignini said Knox was harboring hatred toward Kercher, whom Knox saw as a "smug girl." He said Knox wanted to get back at Kercher for saying she was not clean and calling her

Police: Filipinas likely raped in election-related violence

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — At least five women among 57 people massacred in an attack on an election convoy in the southern Philippines last week may have been raped, police said Thursday.

The forensic findings from the Nov. 23 carnage, blamed on a powerful clan that has ruled impoverished Maguindanao province unopposed for years, also indicated that some of the victims were moved down with a light machine gun and others shot from a distance of only 2 feet, said Arturo Cacdac, director of the police crime lab.

The convoy was carrying 30 journalists, their staff and the family and supporters of a local politician to file his candidacy for governor of Maguindanao, a position held by the powerful Ampatuan clan.

Twenty-one of the 57 people slain were women. More than half of those killed were journalists.

Ampatuan's clan, notorious for running a large private army purportedly for protection against Muslim rebels active in the south-ern Philippines, has been allied with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who received crucial votes from the region during the 2004 elections.

Arroyo has promised swift justice in the killings and her ruling party has since expelled the Ampatuans. The Ampatuans deny involvement.

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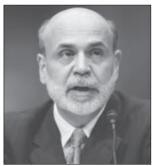
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IN THE STATES



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben **Bernanke testifies on Capitol Hill** in Washington on Thursday.

Bernanke faces heat at Senate hearing

By JEANNINE AVERSA The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Making a case for a second term as head of the Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke said Thursday that he has the tools and the political backbone necessary to reel in massive economic support once the recovery is firmly rooted.

enormous Bernanke faces anger from both Congress and the public for bailing out Wall Street while ordinary Americans are struggling under the crush of high unemployment, stagnant incomes and rising foreclosures.

If confirmed to a second, fouryear term, Bernanke vowed to work with Congress to overhaul the nation's financial regulatory structure and to bring about stronger and more effective supervision, he told the Senate Banking Committee.

Despite all the criticism heaped on him about the bailouts and a move by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., to block Bernanke's confirmation, it doesn't appear in doubt at this point.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the panel, predicted Bernanke would win confirmation.

Obama rejoins economic debate

By Tom Raum The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama promised at a White House jobs forum Thursday to take "every responsible step to accelerate job creation," including some ideas he said could be put into action quickly. He cited an expanded program to help make more U.S. homes energy-efficient as an example.

He also mentioned trade measures and possible new tax incentives among ways to stop job losses that are the worst since the 1930s.

"This has been a tough year, with a lot of uncertainty," Obama said as he wrapped up the halfday brainstorming session with more than 100 CEOs, academics, small business and union leaders and local officials. "There's no question that it's difficult out there right now,'

The president said there were some ideas that could be put to work almost immediately and other ideas that will become part of legislation for Congress to consider. He listed "moving forward on an aggressive agenda for energy efficiency and weatherizaas a prime candidate for quick action.

With unemployment levels above 10 percent, Obama said "We cannot hang back and hope for the best.

But, mindful of growing anxi-



Job seekers wait in line to speak to potential employers at a job fair in Philadelphia on Tuesday. President Barack Obama held a meeting with business and labor leaders at the White House to discuss job creation on Thursday.

ety about federal deficits, Obama also tempered his upbeat talk with an acknowledgment that government resources could only go so far and that it is primarily up to the private sector to create large numbers of new jobs.

He said while he's "open to every

demonstrably good idea ... we also though have to face the fact that our resources are limited."

Obama spoke a day before the Labor Department was to report unemployment figures for November. The October jobless level soared into double digits to 10.2 percent, and forecasters don't expect the November figures to be any better — and they could even be worse.

The president was expected to stay on topic with a Fridav visit to economically distressed Allen-

Geithner says president's focus is generating jobs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Obama administration's No. 1 job right now is to rev up economic growth and get companies to start creating jobs again, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Thursday.

Geithner's remarks come as the White House convenes a summit to explore new ideas to help put Americans back to work. Nearly 16 million are currently unemployed, and the jobless rate is at 10.2 percent, a 26year high.

"Our biggest challenge now is growth and bringing down unemployment," Geithner said in an interview on CNBC. "That's our overwhelming challenge. Nothing is possible

without that."

"classic mistake" governments have made in the aftermath of past crises is removing support too early before the economies are strong enough to stand on their own, he said.

After four straight losing quarters, the economy returned to growth in the July-September quarter,

expanding at a modest 2.8 percent pace.
"The economy is healing," Geithner said.
But he added: "We suffered this enormous



That damage — especially the loss of 7.3 million jobs since the start of the recession will take time to fix, he said. Once the economic recovery is firmly

planted, the administration can shift its strategy to bringing down the nation's record-high budget deficit. Red ink hit a staggering \$1.42 trillion in the 2009 budget year than ended

Trimming the deficit "is not a 2010 story," Geithner acknowledged, saying it could be in 2011. To stabilize the situation, it would be good for the country to get the deficit down to 3 percent of gross domestic product in the medium term, he said.

The 2009 deficit was 10 percent of GDP, the highest since World War II.

Secret Service agents placed on leave for Obama security breach

By EILEEN SULLIVAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The head of the Secret Service asserted Thursday that the security breach at last week's White House state dinner was an aberration and President Barack Obama was never at risk. Mark Sullivan said three uniformed officers have been put on administrative leave.

The chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, Rep. Bennie Thompson, said the country is fortunate the affair didn't end in a "night of horror."

Appearing before Thompson's panel or questioning, Sullivan acknowledge mistakes were made and that the Secret Service must have a "100 percent" performance record.

Thompson, Miss., also said that Congress needs to talk not only to Tareq and Michaele Salahi, the couple who got in without invitations, but also to White House social secretary Desiree Rogers. All three have declined to appear. He'd



said Wednesday night that if the Salahis didn't show up, subpoenas should be authorized "to compel their appearance."

Rep. Peter King of New York, ranking Republican on the committee, accused the White House of "stonewalling" in not permitting Rogers to appear and said he favors subpoenaing Rogers as well.

Thompson said: "This hearing is not about crashing a party at the White House. Nor is it about wannabe celebrities." He said the purpose is to better protect the president.

Thompson asked Sullivan what went wrong. "What we find is if the protocols are followed, we would not run into this situation," the Secret Service chief replied. He said in this case, normal procedures were not followed, although he did not elaborate.

Asked whether there was a risk posed to people attending the dinner for the visiting prime minister of India, Sullivan said he

was confident there wasn't.

Sullivan said there was no threat to Obama, noting that "last week we took him to a basketball game, and there was 5,000 people sitting around the president.'

In response to a question from Del. Elea-nor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., he said Obama had not had an extraordinary number of threats against his life, contrary to her assertion, and said that Obama had received no more such threats at this point in his term than his two predecessors.

Asked by King if the pair would have been able to penetrate the White House if a representative of the White House had indeed been present for clearance assistance, the Secret Service chief replied, "It would have helped."

Christmastime in New York City



STEDUEN CHEDNIN/AP

The Rockefeller Center Christmas is seen after Mayor Michael Bloomberg lighted it during the 77th annual lighting ceremony in New York. Tens of thousands of people packed the streets around the giant tree to catch performances by Aretha Franklin, Shakira, the Radio City Rockettes and others.

Gay marriage foes cheer defeat of bill in N.Y. Legislature

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York lawmakers rejected a bill that would have allowed same-sex marriage, a stunning outcome in a state that was the site of one of the gay rights movement's defining moments four decades ago.

Opponents of gay marriage said it was a huge victory that could influence votes elsewhere.

"It's just a huge win," said Maggie Gallagher, president of the National Organization for Mariage, a nonprofit organization whose stated mission is to protect marriage.

"It's going to help cement defeat for gay marriage in New Jersey, and I think it's going to get a whole bunch of politicians in New Hampshire who voted for gay marriage this year pretty nervous when they come up for election."

So far this year, New Jersey

failed to schedule long-expected votes on bills to legalize gay marriage, Maine voters rejected a measure and California voters rescinded their law.

Supporters of same-sex marriage, however, point to Vermont and New Hampshire, where law-makers adopted gay marriage bills this year. The City Council in Washington is expected to legalize gay marriage next month. Iowa's Supreme Court also recognized gay marriage this year.

Richard Socarides, who was former President Bill Clinton's senior adviser on gay rights issues, called New York "clearly the biggest prize in this effort."

"Not only will it affect a lot of people because New York is a big state," he said, "but symbolically New York is the country's leader in finance, the arts and culture. It's a bellwether for the country."

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Comcast to buy majority stake in NBC Universal

By Deborah Yao The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Comcast Corp. announced Thursday it plans to buy a majority stake in NBC Universal for \$13.75 billion, giving the nation's largest cable TV operator control of the Peacock network, an array of cable channels and a major movie studio.

Although the deal could mean that movies could reach cable more quickly after showing in theaters and that TV shows could appear faster on cell phones and other devices, it was already raising concerns that Comcast would wield too much power over entertainment. Indeed, if the deal clears regulatory and other hurdles, Comcast would rival the heft of The Walt Disney Co. — which Comcast CEO Brian Roberts already tried to buy.

Comcast, which already serves a quarter of all U.S. households that pay for TV, would gain control of the NBC broadcast network, the Spanish-language Telemundo and about two dozen cable channels, including USA, Syfy and The Weather Channel. It also would have regional sports networks, Universal Pictures and theme parks.

In agreeing to buy 51 percent of NBC Universal from General Electric Co., which has controlled NBC since 1986, Comcast hopes to succeed in marrying distribution and content in a way Time Warner Inc. could not

ner Inc. could not.

AOL and Time Warner are undoing their ill-fated marriage Dec. 9. Time Warner has already shed its cable TV operations.

Roberts and GE CEO Jeff Immelt have been discussing the deal for months, and the final weeks came down to GE's persuading French conglomerate Vivendi SA to first sell its minority stake.

Comcast made the deal because it is eager to diversify its holdings. It faces encroaching threats



MARK I ENNIHAN/AF

The NBC Studios sign is seen at the GE building in New York. Comcast said Thursday it will spend \$13.75 billion to buy 51 percent of NBC Universal from General Electric Co.

from online video and more aggressive competition from satellite and phone companies that offer subscription TV services.

For entertainment viewers, the deal means Universal Pictures movies could get to cable faster. TV shows could appear on mobile phones and other devices faster as part of Comcast's plans to let viewers

watch programs wherever they want.

Comcast already is letting subscribers watch cable TV shows online in trials, with a nationwide launch this month. On Thursday, Comcast pledged that NBC Universal shows that now cost money over its cable video-on-demand service would be free for three years after the deal closes.

NBC Universal is profitable, with operating earnings of \$1.7 billion on revenue of \$11.2 billion in the first three quarters of 2009.

GE needs cash to support GE Capital, which lends money for everything from credit cards to office buildings.





Kelly Minikus was the lucky winner of this year's Best of the Pacific drawing.

Kelly, from Yokosuka NB, is pictured here with her daughter Emilynn and baby Isaiah.

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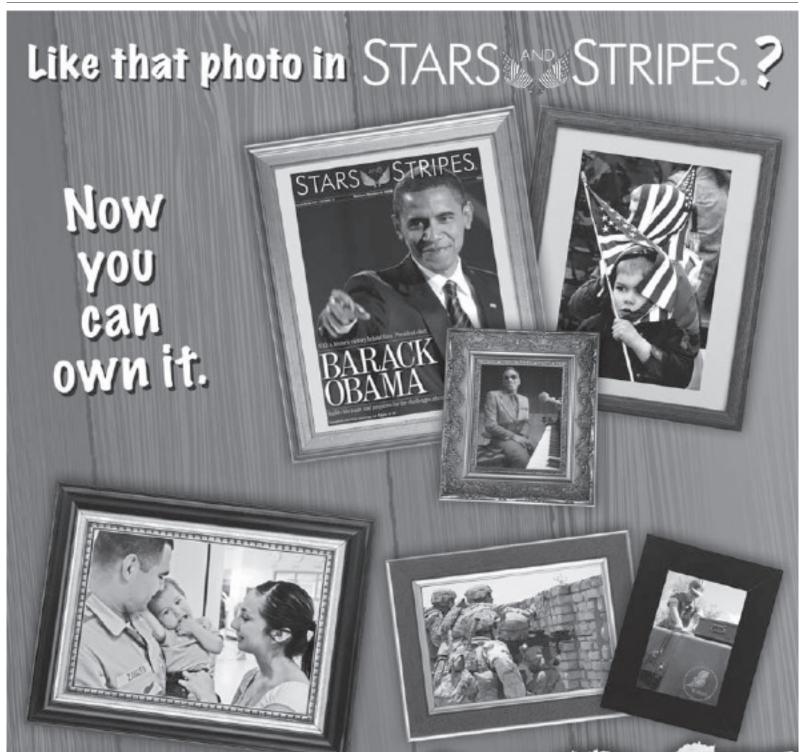
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Beyonce, Swift lead Grammy nominations

eyonce garnered the most Grammy nominations on Wednesday with 10 nods, including nominations for album of the year for "I Am ... Sasha Fierce," song of the year for her anthem "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)"

and record of the year for "Halo."

Country crossover sensation Taylor Swift wasn't far behind Beyonce. The 19-year-old



got eight nominations, including album of the year for her multiplatinum sophomore disc "Fearless," as well as song and record of the year for her hit, "You Belong With Me.'

Another diva was also nominated in all three categories: Lady Gaga. The eccentric entertainer, who had five nominations overall, garnered a best album mention for her debut CD, "The Fame," while her "Poker Face" got nominations for record and song of the vear.

Other nominees for album of the year included the Black Eyed Peas "The E.N.D." and Dave Matthews Band's "Big Whiskey and the Groogrux King.'

The Black Eyed Peas were also nominated for record of the year for their feel-good song, "I Gotta Feeling," while the Kings of Leon were nominated for "Use Somebody."

The Kings of Leon hit was also nominated for song of the year, as well as Maxwell's comeback hit, "Pretty Wings." The Black Eyed Peas, Max-

well and Kanye West got six nominations each, while Jay-Z and DJ David Guetta got five.

The country act the Zac Brown Band was nominated for best new artist, along with R&B siren Keri Hilson, rockers MGMT, the punk duo the Ting Tings and the rock group the Silversun Pickups.

MJ's kids among 'Fascinating People'

Michael Jackson's children are among Barbara Walters' most fascinating people of the

ABC says Walters' upcoming special, "The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2009," will include a profile of the late King of Pop's kids: Paris, Prince Michael and Prince Michael II (known as Blanket).

The list also includes popculture sensation Lady Gaga, famous mother of eight Kate Gosselin, glam rocker Adam Lambert, record-breaking NFL quarterback Brett Favre, South Carolina's first lady Jenny Sanford, comedianfilmmaker Tyler Perry, TV pundit Glenn Beck and former vice presidential candidate

The 10th person will be announced on the show, which airs in the U.S. Wednesday.

'Family Ties' mom savs she's a lesbian

Meredith Baxter, the actress who played Elyse Keaton



on the '80s TV series "Family Ties," has revealed that she is a lesbian.

The 62-yearold actress savs that she had a "later-in-life

recognition" and has been in a relationship with her girl-

friend, a general contractor, for four years.

Baxter has been married three times and is the mother of five children.

She said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show Wednes-day that she is "extraordinarily happy" and that the support from her family and friends was immediate and unqualified.

The Associated Press

Warner Bros. Pictures

Naomie Harris, left, and Korean actor Rain star in the action film "Ninja Assassins."

Rain hopes for a shower of 'Ninja' stardom

he Korean pop-star-turned-actor Rain (real name Jeong Ji-hoon) is ready for Hollywood stardom. He's willing to put in the work. He's patient.

"It's still not easy to make your mark, as an Asian actor or singer in America," Rain says. "If I do my best, Americans will love me, too! I want to challenge myself to see where my

limit is. If I do my best, over and over again, I will succeed. I know it.'

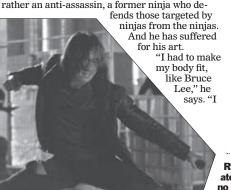
So what if "Speed Racer," the first big Hollvwood film the 27-year-old appeared in. wasn't a smash?

"I want to challenge myself over and over again, I will succeed. I know it."

He's back, pounding at the door with "Ninja As-

to see where my limit is. If I do my best,

He plays — wait for it — a ninja assassin, or fends those targeted by



for me. But with those sharp weapons, I could hurt myself even more easily than they could hurt me.

It took some doing to sculpt the six-hit-albums singer into a lean, mean ninja machine, the

loner Raizo, who left that old world of discipline and murder behind. The script gets away with a "He looks more like a boy band singer" than a ninja wisecrack only because Rain is so ripped. But that training regimen, those muscles, don't mean he's giving up the day job.
"I should be able to do both. I plan to concen-

trained for eight months, five days a week,

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vegetables; no sugar, no salt, none of my favorite

tial arts - kung fu, taekwondo, tai chi, kick box-

ing, karate, karate with swords, chains, shuriken

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(throwing stars), kusarigama (dag-

ger-chains), ninia tactics.

The stunt men on the

set, they looked out

trate on both" singing and acting, he says

But Rain plans to stick with his game plan, pursuing Hollywood work with a vengeance. He hopes, too, that this work might even attract the attention of the most famous director back home. The filmmaker he'd most like to work with?

"Oh, Park Chan-wook" ("Old Boy"), he says.

- Roger Moore/The Orlando Sentinel

Rain says he trained relentlessly for the movie. "I ate only chicken breast and vegetables; no sugar, no salt, none of my favorite foods," he says. "It was horrible!

New Angel

Kylie Bisutti of Simi Valley, Calif., became Victoria's Secret's newest Angel.

Ten finalists were picked from four national casting calls and whittled down to two through online votes. Both finalists walked the runway when the show was taped, but only Bisutti appeared in the Tuesday broadcast.

Bisutti is a newlywed who said her mother-in-law encouraged her to audition.





FAITH



Man's ongoing fascination with the end of time

By Ron Orozco McClatchy Newspapers

Are we doomed?

Prophecies about the end of the world have been debated by scholars, theologians and religious leaders for a long time. But it's not just them.

Pop culture also has a fascination with end times. Sociologists say the interest in books, movies and lectures on the subject increases with bad times, such as those scarred by hurricanes, famines, tsunamis, war and economic collapse.

The fascination is clear in society today with the release of recent movies. The film "2012" depicts the end of the world and is stirring talk about the meaning of a Mayan calendar with the doomsday date. Another movie, "The Road" looks at a man and his son's post-apocalyptic struggle to survive.

Margaret Gonsoulin, a sociology professor at California State University-Fresno says the fascination with end times in pop culture reflects a hunger for meaning in the anxiety people feel in bad times

"They want to know about the future." she says. "But these sorts of ideas about end times mean different things to different people.

Different faiths have different visions about the end. Some don't believe it because they see life as eternal; others go so far as to predict an exact date for the end.

In general, religious convictions help protect people from a sense of anxiety and fear, Gonsoulin says.

Many Christians, for example, expect the return of Jesus Christ and the deliverance of believers to heaven when the world ends.

"That really changes people's lives here on Earth," she says. "You don't have to worry about things here. You're going to be freed. That can be exciting for some people."

Other religions teach that end times will bring the transformation of existence on Earth and the fruition of some people's vi-

The Rev. Mark Hitchcock, author of a new book, "2012, the Bible, and the End of the World," says many religions have an apocalyptic view of how things will end

Judaism teaches the Messiah is coming, he says, while Shiite Islam teaches a hidden imam is coming. Hitchcock, pastor of Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Okla., says Christianity teaches Christ is coming back, the dead will be raised and there will be a final judgment.

"How the rest of the furniture will be arranged — those are the things people quibble about," he says.

The Rev. G.L. Johnson, pastor emeritus of Peoples Church in northeast Fresno, says the Bible teaches that no one knows the date of Jesus' return, but that believers will sense the times and the seasons.

He compiled sermons that he presented on the Tribulation, the Antichrist, Armageddon, judgment and the Mark of the

Beast into a book, "Is the Curtain of Prophecy Going Up?"

Johnson says, "Everyone wants to know where we're headed and how it's going to

The subject can be tricky to discuss.

Tony Williams, president of men's ministry at Aphesis Apostolic Ministry on North Palm Avenue, tries to prompt people to think about it by standing on an island at Palm and Belmont avenues with a sign that reads, "The End is Near."

He says he encounters rude motorists.

"I get flipped off," he says. "One good response is better than all the negative.'

He says he is just trying to share his beliefs about "the end" so people can prepare themselves by giving their lives to God. He has been holding the sign, mainly on Sundays, for a couple of months.

"The Holy Ghost is your ticket to heaven," he says. "I'm just trying to give a message beyond the pulpit."

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YOUR MONEY

Retail sales slip 0.3% in November

By Anne D'Innocenzio
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation's retailers suffered miserably through November as a modestly positive start to the holiday shopping season wasn't strong enough to offset weak spending the rest of the month.

After posting two consecutive monthly sales gains after more than a year of declines, merchants collectively posted a surprise 0.3 percent decrease for November, compared with a year ago when business plummeted to historic lows as spooked shoppers clamped down after the financial meltdown. The sales decrease is an ominous sign for an economy in the early stages of a fragile recovery.

Now, the big worry is whether consumers won't go back to the stores until the final hours before Dec. 25 as they wait for even bigger discounts in a season that many analysts had hoped would



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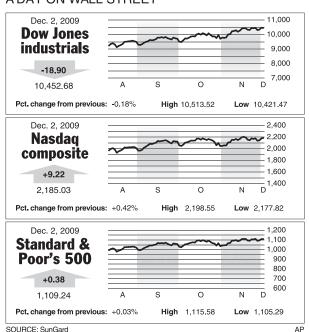
The figures are based on sales at stores open at least a year and are considered a key indicator of a retailers' health because they exclude the effects of store expansions or closings.

The 0.3 percent drop, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs Index, is far worse than

the original 5 to 8 percent growth forecast, which was whittled down to 3 to 4 percent gain earlier this week. The weak results come on top of a 7.7 percent drop a year ago.

"This suggests that consumers are still under a significant amount of pressure from unemployment and job worries," Ken Perkins, president of retail research firm Retail Metrics.

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Old technology impeding some GI Bill payments

manda Collier started college last August armed with a certificate of eligibility to use Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits that her dad, a Coast Guardsman of 22 years, had earned and transferred to her

Next week Amanda will take final exams for her first semester at the University of Central Oklahoma. But neither she nor the university has received any GI Bill money yet to cover her tuition, housing or other costs.

The missing payments "made the semester a lot more complicated than it should have been," she said Wednesday. "Usually the

first semester is hardest because you're trying to figure out everything. Having money complications made it a lot more stressful."

UPDATE
Tom Philpott

Collier is among an unknown number of Post-9/11 GI Bill users still victimized by computer soft-ware at the Department of Veterans Affairs that left VA staff unable to process two categories of claims. These cases simply were set aside to await a soft-ware upgrade. Impacted students and schools, it appears, never received a letter to explain why payments were frozen.

payments were frozen.

This complication hit students whose Post-9/11 GI Bill award levels needed adjusting after the semester began, usually because a student added or dropped a course, as she had done. But it also impacted students who had changed campuses or schools, and therefore created "overlapping terms" which the old GI Bill software couldn't handle, said Keith Wilson, director of the VA's education service.

Amanda's situation was made more stressful because, as a dependent using transferred benefits she was ineligible for the \$3,000 lump-sum emergency payment VA officials began to make in early October.

"We don't have the mechanism for them to apply for that," Wilson said. The lump sum payments, he explained, had to be made available quickly. VA computers only held data on veterans, to validate eligibility and track payments, and not on dependents.

Susan Collier, Amanda's mother, said she tried to learn everything she could over the past year about the new GI Bill and transferability so that financing her daughter's education this fall would be smooth. Her husband applied for benefits as soon as he could and transferred 100 percent of his GI Bill to his daughter.

But when Amanda Collier dropped a course in September, cutting total credit hours from 15 to 12, VA couldn't process an adjusted benefit award. So she couldn't be paid her book stipend or her housing allowance to cover dorm costs. Her university couldn't be paid promised tuition fees.

"The Housing Office at the school threatened us with letters each month that they were going to turn us over to a collection agency," Susan said. "We called the Housing Office each month and they finally agreed

to wait for the money ... until the next month came and still no money."

To make matters worse, Collier wants to transfer next semester to a smaller school.

But the university, Susan said, "will not give her a final transcript because she still owes them money. ... All of this means we are on the hook for over \$15,000 since the VA isn't paying."

As of Dec. 1, the VA had received 340,000 applications for Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility determinations. Action has been completed on 276,000 of those.

Among the pool of applicants found eligible for benefits, 124,000 have enrolled in school. A total of 104,500 students — and their schools — are receiving Post-9/11 GI bill payments.

VA has issued the \$3,000 advance payments to more than 62,000 students. One of VA's next big challenges will be to recoup the advance payments from students no longer impacted by payment delays.

"We're setting up the mechanics of how that will be done right now," Wilson said. "We will notify the student concerning the amount of the advance payment. Then that [amount] will be recouped out of the future housing allowance and book stipend that would have gone to them."

The overall backlog of GI Bill payments is shrinking, Wilson said.

"We peaked the second week in September, and it has been going down from that point," he said. Wilson isn't ready yet to say VA won't need the advance payment program next semester.

program next semester.

"We will keep it in place as long as necessary," Wilson said.

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First Poe book could fetch record at auction



Edgar Allan Poe's "Tamerlane and Other Poems" is for sale.

By MARK PRATT The Associated Press

BOSTON — When a teenage Edgar Allan Poe moved to Boston to find work in 1827, he was eager to launch his literary career, re-establish his roots in the city of his birth and distance himself from his foster father in Richmond, Va.

The result was his first book, "Tamerlane and Other Poems," virtually unnoticed when published but now one of the world's rarest and most sought-after texts.

Experts at Christie's auction house say it could sell for a record price for American literature.

"This is known as the black tulip of U.S. literature," said Francis Wahlgren, head of books and manuscripts at Christie's in New



York, which expects to get from \$500,000 to \$700,000 for the book on Friday.

No more than 40 or 50 copies of "Tamerlane" were printed and only 12 remain. Poe's name doesn't even grace the cover of the 40-page book, which is credited to "a Bostonian."

The book being auctioned is stained and

frayed and has V-shaped notches on the outer and lower margins.

"It's kind of a beat-up copy," said William Self, the former television executive who's

Still, "This is a rare opportunity, a once-ina-lifetime chance," Wahlgren said.

Poe, now canonized as an early master of mystery, was 18 and a complete unknown when the book was printed. He wanted to do anything he could to repudiate his foster father, John Allan, a wealthy Richmond merchant, Poe scholar James Hutchisson said.

The pair had a mercurial relationship, said Hutchisson, an English professor at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

"He never felt he was loved by Allan," Hutchisson said. "He never got any affection from him.'

Self said he's selling now because he's 88 and his partner in collecting, wife Peggy, died three years ago. He said he doesn't want to burden his children with caring for the

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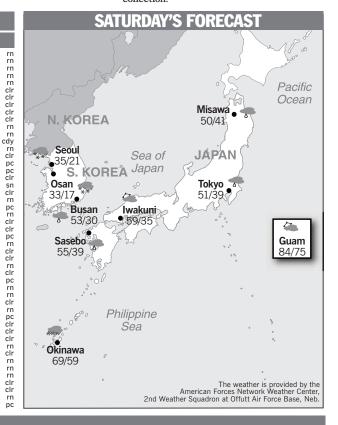
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Washington's intellectual hypocrisy

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think I've had my fill of moral hypocrisy. We routinely hear stories of evan-gelical ministers who "mentor" hookers at \$500 an hour, "family values" politicians who like the cut of a congressional page's jib, or senators who love to press the flesh, one bathroom stall at a time. And, given the times, we increasingly hear stories about progressive politicians and columnists who — gasp! — have bigger carbon footprints than they want the rest of us to have: CO2 emissions for me and not for thee! For shame.

The press loves stories of moral hypocrisy. Catching a finger-wagging politician violating his or her own moral code warms the cockles of every reporter's heart. Indeed, sometimes journalists confuse hypocrisy for the real crime. "If a politician murders his mother," the late Washington Post editorial page editor Meg Greenfield once said, "the first response of the press.

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will likely be not that it was a terrible thing to do, but rather that in a statement made six years before, he had gone on record as being opposed to matricide."

The crusade against moral hypocrisy necessarily hits conservatives harder, not because conservatives are more immoral but because they uphold morality more publicly, making them richer targets. The

left aims much of its moralizing at moralizing itself
— "thou shalt not judge." Meanwhile, the right focuses on the oldies but goodies — adultery, drug use, etc. I think we're right to uphold a standard even if we sometimes fail to live up to it.

What I don't think we hear enough about is intellectual hypocrisy. ... [I]f moral hypocrisy is saying what values people should live by while failing to follow them yourself, intellec-

tual hypocrisy is believing you are smart enough to run other peoples' lives when you can barely run your own.

I know many smart liberals for whom no idea is too complex, no concept or organizational flow chart too hard to grasp. They want government to take over this run that, manage some other things, and in all cases put people exactly like them in charge of pretty much everything. Many are geniuses. ... But you wouldn't ask one to run a car wash.

The chairman of a small college's English department thinks it's obvious intellectuals should take over health care, but he can't manage the class schedules of three professors or run a meeting without it coming to blows or tears. A pundit defends government intervention in almost every sphere of economic life, but he can't figure out how to manage his checking account.

The most famous story of an intellectual hypocrite getting his comeuppance is the tale of George McGovern and his inn. The senator, 1972 presidential nominee and college professor thought he could run a vast, technologically sophisticated nation with a diverse population and an entrepreneurial culture. Then, after leaving Washington, he bought an inn in Connecticut to while away his retirement years. For a guy as smart as him, running an inn should have been child's play. But it went belly-up before the end of the year, with a contritely befuddled McGovern marveling at how much harder

running a business was than he thought. Or consider Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., currently subject of a House ethics investigation. Rangel heads the Ways and Means Committee, which writes the tax code. He backs the imposition of an income tax surcharge on high earners to pay for health care, calling it "the moral thing to do." Yet he can't seem to do." Yet he can't seem to figure out how to file his own taxes properly or, per-

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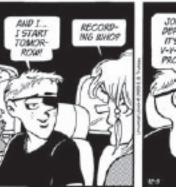
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Now, I also know lots of conservatives who are basket cases at everything other than reading and writing books and articles, giving speeches and thinking Big Thoughts (likewise, I know liberals who despise conservative moralizing about sex and religion who nonetheless live chaste, pious lives themselves). The point is that conservatives don't presume to be smart enough to run everything, because conservative dogma takes it as an article of faith that no one can be that smart.

Moral hypocrisy is still worth exposing, I guess. But we are living in a moment when revealing intellectual hypocrisy should take precedence. A JPMorgan chart reprinted on the "Enterprise Blog" shows that less than 10 percent of President Barack Obama's Cabinet has privatesector experience, the least of any Cabinet in a century. From the stimulus to health care reform and cap-and-trade, Washington is now run by people who think they know how to run everything, when in reality they can barely run anything.

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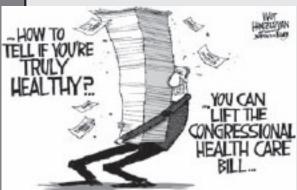


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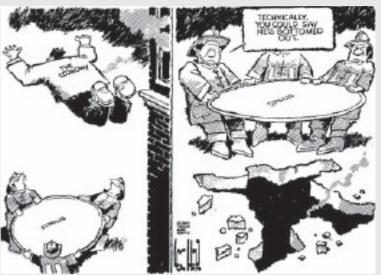
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County supervisors OK hospital pact

LOS ANGELES — Los CA Angeles County supervisors have approved a deal to create a new Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Center on the site of an inner-city public hospital that was closed after a series of patient deaths blamed on shoddy care.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously ratified an agreement with the University of California for a 120-bed facility on the site of the old hospital that served a large low-income community in the South Los Angeles area.

Details and costs still must be worked out.

The county is expected to cover more than \$300 million in construction spending.

UC-approved doctors will staff the hospital and an independent, nonprofit organization will run it.

Mayor convicted on single gift card charge

BALTIMORE — Baltimore's mayor was convicted on a single charge she took gift cards intended for the city's poor. Although Sheila Dixon was acquitted of a felony theft charge, her conviction could force her from office.

Jurors deliberated more than six days after hearing the Democrat accused of using or keeping \$630 worth of gift cards. She allegedly solicited most of the cards from a wealthy developer and then bought electronics at Best Buy, clothes at Old Navy and knickknacks at Target.

The jury convicted her on one count of fraudulent misappropriation by a fiduciary and acquitted her on two counts of felony theft and one count of misconduct in office.

Jurors failed to reach a verdict on another count of fraudulent misappropriation by a fiduciary.

Man arrested in 1977 slaying of woman

GREELEY — Colorado authorities said a man wanted in a 32-year-old slaying in Greeley has been arrested in Florida.

Weld County sheriff John Cooke said Marcello Maldonado-Perez, 51, was arrested at his home in Port Charlotte, Fla. He was being held without bond.

Investigators said DNA taken from him while he served time in Texas links him to the sexual assault and stabbing of Mary Pierce, 22, in 1977. Pierce was kidnapped from the 7-Eleven store where she worked. Her body was found two days later.

Evidence from the case was submitted to state investigators for DNA testing in 2003 and

Authorities said they learned last year that DNA from the case matched a sample taken from Maldonado-Perez before he was released from prison in 2008.

Man to plead guilty in meth ring case

MS JACKSON — A man known by the street name "Dream" intends to plead guilty in a case allegedly involving the biggest methamphetamine



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ring in Mississippi with ties to several states and Mexico, according to federal court records.

William A. Woodson, 29, is the first of 19 people who face federal charges in Mississippi to indicate through court filings an intention to plead guilty in the case.

Numerous others face charges in Mississippi state courts.

The alleged organization was based in Mississippi and its members had ties to Alabama, Florida and Texas, according to authorities and federal court records. Investigators said the group was well organized, with a monthly distribution of 50 pounds of Mexican meth.

Ex-official faces murder charges in 4 deaths

KS TOPEKA — An 89-year-old woman has died from injuries suffered in a shooting in northeast Kansas that also left her granddaughter and two great-granddaughters dead, prosecutors said.

The state attorney general's office will file a revised complaint against James Kraig Kahler, a former Columbia, Mo., city official charged in the shootings in Osage County, Kan., as a result of Dorothy Wight's death, spokeswoman Ashley Anstaett said.

Wight's granddaughter Karen



Fish kill planned

River traffic passes through a section of water containing an electric fish barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in Romeoville, III. A toxic chemical was to be dumped on a nearly six-mile stretch of the canal to keep the voracious and invasive Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes.

Kahler, the suspect's 44-year-old estranged wife, and the Kahlers' daughters, Emily, 18, and Lauren, 16, were killed at Wight's home outside Burlingame.

Attorney General Steve Six's office filed a capital murder charge in Osage County District Court against James Kahler, covering the deaths of his wife and daughters. Kansas law allows one capital charge — and the death penalty — for multiple killings arising from a single "scheme or course of conduct."

Six's office filed three alternative charges of premeditated first-degree murder against Kahler in case he isn't convicted on the capital charge.

Council approves medical trade center

NASHVILLE - Mar-NASH VILLE ket Center Management Co. announced plans to build and operate a \$250 million Nashville Medical Trade Center on the site of the city's existing convention center that officials say could create 2,700 jobs.

The company plans to build a 12-story structure on top of the largely underground facility that would become available if the Metro Council approves the construction of a new \$585 million convention center just blocks away.

Rival medical mart projects are being pursued in Cleveland and New York.

3 suspects tied to theft of dying man's watch

PHILADELPHIA Police said three people stole a watch from a dying man in a Philadelphia hospital waiting room.

Police said Richard Alten and two others swiped the watch from the wrist of Joaquin Rivera, 63.

Investigators said Rivera had arrived at the hospital complaining of chest pains and lost consciousness as he awaited treatment. Police said that's when Alten and two others slipped off Rivera's watch.

Alten was arrested in the hospital and remained in custody. Police were seeking two accomplices.

Search elsewhere for intelligent life

MESA A former school district employee is accused of using school computers in an experiment to find space aliens, costing the worker his job and the district more than \$1 million.

School officials say that Brad Niesluchowski, who was Higley Unified School District's information technology director, down-loaded free software on district computers in 2000.

The program, known as SETI@ home, uses Internet-connected computers worldwide to analyze radio telescope data in an ex-periment to find extraterrestrial intelligence.

But Superintendent Denise Birdwell told the East Valley Tribune that the program also bogged down the district's system and interfered with technology use in classrooms. Birdwell said it will take more than \$1 million to fix the problem, including removal of the SETI software.



Approach gingerly

A mirror reflects the opposite

Approach gingerly side of "Chrysler Building" by Soutine Bakery, part of the gingerbread house display at New York's Le Parker Meridien Hotel. Visitors can vote for their favorite creation, with proceeds going to benefit City Harvest.



Famous Californians

A bust of the late San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, the first openly

gay person elected to a significant public office in the United States, is one of the items on display at the California Hall of Fame section of the California Museum in Sacramento, Calif. Milk and 12 others were inducted this week.



Moon flight

A flock of birds take flight over the City of Milford, Ohio, as a full moon rises in the east sky.

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Flight delay expected A truck rests against one of the small planes it hit at an airport in El Cajon, Calif. The driver of the truck passed out behind the wheel, sending the vehicle crashing through a fence and into a row of

parked planes.



Creating a scene

A nativity scene is unveiled in the rotunda of the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. Later in the month, those displays will be joined by a Jewish menorah and a display by the American Civil Liberties Union,

which has generally opposed religious displays on public property.



Snowy mountains

A pair of yuccas frame the snowcapped Organ Mountains in Las Cruces, N.M.

Deacon, 77, in slugfest with burglars in church

SUNNYVALE — A 77year-old deacon at a Dallas-area church slugged it out with three robbers to protect the church's Sunday offering.

Dallas County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Kim Leach said the robbers fled with Bill Hammett's wallet and some cash.

Hammett said he got in some punches of his own in the confrontation at First Baptist Church in Sunnvvale.

Hammett said church isn't a place for a fight, but "sometimes you have to defend yourself wherever vou're at.'

Ethics agency sets fines against state officials

SACRAMENTO — California's ethics watchdog agency has announced fines against a former Democratic candidate for governor, a sitting assemblyman and three current and former members of the state commission that regulates

boxing.
Steve Westly, who lost a Democratic primary for governor in 2006, admitted to 32 counts of campaign finance law violations and agreed to pay \$104,500 in a settlement with the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Republican State Assemblyman Joel Anderson has agreed to pay \$20,000 in fines for accepting campaign contributions that exceeded the \$3,900 limit for individuals.

The FPPC launched an investigation after the Los Angeles Times reported in September that commissioners accepted admission for friends and family members in apparent violation of state ethics laws. The proposed fines are \$2,500 for Timothy Noonan, the former chairman; \$2,000 for Commissioner Mario Rodriguez; and \$800 for Peter Lopez, a former commissioner.

Protecting whales may jeopardize development

ANCHORAGE — Nearly 2 million acres of water off Alaska's largest and busiest city were proposed as critical habitat for beluga whales, raising concerns that the effort to save the whales will scuttle development.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service proposed that the upper Cook Inlet, the middle inlet and a strip along the lower western shore, as well as Kachemak Bay, be designated as critical habitat for belugas.

Cook Inlet's beluga whales are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Only 321 of the animals are left, down from an estimated 1,300 in the inlet in the 1980s.

Budget cuts may force closing of polling places

HONOLULU — Hawaii's chief elections officer has proposed closing more than a quarter of the state's polling places in response to deep budget cuts imposed by the Legislature and the state's governor. Then he abruptly resigned.

Kevin Cronin, who has been battered by criticism from legislators and others, sent resignation letters to members of the state Elections Commission, said the panel's chairman, William Marston.

Cronin did not explain the reasoning for his decision, which is effective Dec. 31, Marston said. Cronin was unavailable for comment.

Yogis oppose plan to regulate yoga training

ALEXANDRIA—Three ALEXANDRIA—Timee yoga instructors have asked a federal judge in Alexandria, Va., to halt a state plan to regulate yoga instructor training. The Old Dominion, they say, has stretched too far into an ancient, spiritual practice.

"Yoga is the study of the self through direct experience," said Suzanne Leitner-Wise, a plaintiff and president of U.S. 1 Yoga Teacher Training. "You simply can't put regulations on that. It's just dumb."

Yoga enthusiasts were knocked off balance late last year when Virginia announced that yoga teacher training programs, which officials consider vocational classes that prepare students for a job, must be certified by the state. Officials say it will protect students who invest a few thousand dollars in the training.

But the teachers, who between them have more than four decades of experience practicing yoga, say passing on the tradition to other teachers is tantamount to constitutionally protected free speech.

Lawver found lacking in death penalty case

MO JEFFERSON CITY— The Missouri Supreme Court overturned a man's death sentence because his attorney failed to question the character of a murder victim who had child pornography on his computer.

The high court acknowledged in its unanimous ruling that character evidence about murder victims typically is barred.

But when relatives of victim Ralph Lape Jr. testified about his generous character during the sentencing phase of Mark Gill's murder trial, defense attorneys should have countered by highlighting the smut on Lape's computer, the Supreme Court said.

Had Gill's attorneys done so, the Supreme Court said, jurors may have been less inclined to sentence him to death for the July 2002 kidnapping, robbery and

Submariners accused in beating are discharged

PORTSMOUTH Two Navy submariners charged with beating a man in Portsmouth last spring have been discharged from the Navy.

Sandy Portobanco, 23, of Ingle-wood, Calif., and Gerald Smith, 22, of Honolulu, plan to argue they acted in self-defense.

The Portsmouth Herald said they are charged with a combined six felonies in the beating of former town councilor Stephen Huntress of Kittery, Maine.

Stories and photos from wire services



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New Features and Holiday Activity on StripesGAMER.com!

Community growing and activity ramping up!

America's Army: Headed Our Way

America's Army has become a StripesGAMER. com site partner, and the game is now deployable from the site. We're still getting all the pieces in place but look for a holiday tournament in late December-see www.StripesGAMER.com for details! If you know some good game people who might be willing to participate as staff for the America's Army admin team, please ask them to connect with us!

Site and Community Growth Continues to Ramp Up

More new users are joining the competitive gaming scene on Stripes-GAMER.com, at a rate of about 5 percent growth each month. Forum and chat room activity are pretty steady as well, so you can usually spark up a conversation with fellow gamers from all over the globe!

Results

The October Section 8 tournament winning team was Jesse Baer and Alex Dana. They each won an iPod Touch plus an iTunes gift card. Other prizes given away for this tournament included iPod Shuffles, GameStop gift cards, and Microsoft Points Cards

Latest **Tournament**

for Xbox 360.

GameFly Promotion Specifically for Military Gamers

Game Fly, the subscription-based video game rental company, now offers a free 21-day trial to gamers in the military. Go to www.StripesGAMER.com and click on their promotion (with the special savings code just for you)! Check them out! We count on our gamers to support our sponsors so they can keep supporting us and your fellow mil-gamers.

Gamer's Wish Lists

We're constantly looking for feedback on new games, features and community capabilities you want and are passionate about. Let us know what's on your mind. Tell us what you think we can improve upon. We're putting together the plans for 2010 new features and development and welcome your input.... please email suggestions to:

community@stripesgamer.com

Holiday Wishes for Members and their Families:

The online staff and community volunteers at StripesGAMER.com wish each and every one of you and your families a great holiday season and a safe and fabulous New Year!



More astute readers might notice that this month's "Win it" has been temporarily renamed "Won it". (No worries - the goods are still yours for the taking within these pages). The reason: "Stars and Stripes Earns Top Magazine Editorial and Design Honors". Yessiree folks, Stars and Stripes' Publisher, Max Lederer was in New York on November 11 to accept two awards on behalf of Stars and Stripes. Most notable for our purposes, your very own Stripes GAMER.

Here is what the judging committee had to say, "This was a year when...magazines like Stars and Stripes met the pain of war with both honor in its celebration of heroism and diversion in its video gaming series for the troops." Now everyone can send their fan mail to our top notch creative team that puts the polish on each and every issue of Stripes GAMER: (lead by) Doug Gillam, Ellen Cheung, and Kenni Padmore

We couldn't have put it better ourselves: "Stripes GAMER" also debuted in 2005, in response to reader demand for video game content, especially from servicemembers deployed downrange. Published bimonthly, "Stripes GAMER" features a design that packs in a lot of content, while keeping its many pieces visually well organized and flowing.

Thanks to all for giving us the opportunity to serve you! We're excited, humbled, and more fired-up than ever. Take a look at the shiny

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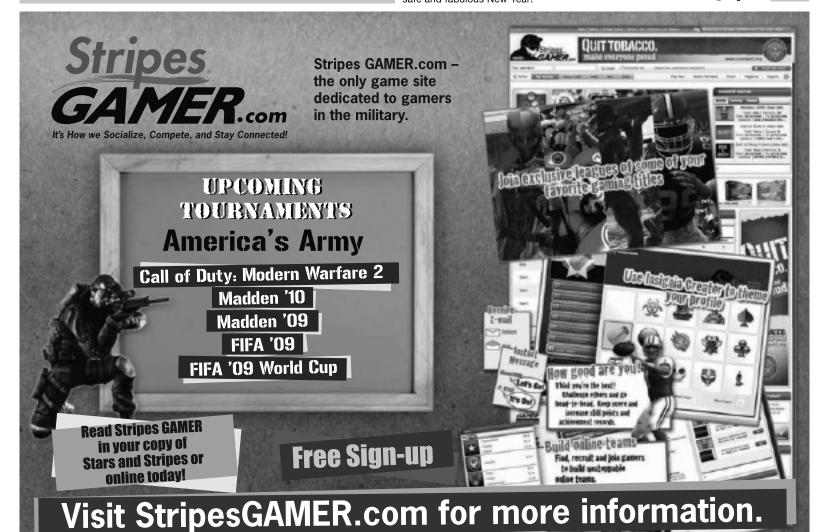
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Big_{GAME} Giveaway

What game and console would you die without if you were stranded on a desert isle (or maybe in Afghanistan)? And why are these two items necessary for you to live? That piece of information may score you one of the 31 games Stripes GAMER is handing out in our "2009 Big Game Giveaway"!

Notice! You have to complete the form to be eligible, and of course, just like most of our promotions, you must be 18 or older and be a current government ID cardholder.

Here's how to enter:

Just think about the game and console that you must have with you if you were stranded on a deserted island, and why would these two items be essential. Then go online to http://promotions.stripes.com/biggamegive-away/ and fill out the form.

Or, if you are feeling less Web 2.0, you can send us an email. Just make sure it includes answers to the questions below, otherwise we'll have to discard your entry:

- 1. The names of your most fave game and console.
- 2. The reason these would be essential should you become stranded. (250 words or less — be creative!)
- 3. This statement: I have read and agree to the rules* posted on www.Stripes.com.
- 4. Your name (first and last)
- 5. Your email (the one we'll use to notify you when/if you're a winner).
- 6. Your favorite gaming platform

Make sure you answer ALL the questions! Incomplete entries are not eligible for prizes! We will disqualify people for not paying attention.

Every eligible entry received will be entered in a drawing. Thirty-one (31) names will be drawn at random. Each of them will receive one free video game.

Enter online or email your entry to: games@stripes.com with "Stripes GAMER 2009 Big Game Giveaway" in the subject line, no later than midnight December 31, 2009. Winners will be notified on or about January 11, 2010. And, of course, there is no purchase necessary to enter or win.

Remember: We play by the rules! If you don't read them and have no idea what you are agreeing to in #3 above, that's not our fault!

GAMERS unite!

_ Haugan

*To read the "2009 Big Game Giveaway" rules, please visit www. Stripes.com and scroll down to click on Contest Rules in the footer.

PLAYER's CLUB

The Top10 Must Play Platformers EVER!

The votes are cast in this totally subjective and unscientific survey and here are the results! And if you didn't participate, you got no vote!



10 Smackdown vs. Raw

Jeff Kendrick, 34, Iraq

Why: As a fan of wrestling since I was a child, this game lets me create my own character, then fight as myself against some of the most famous wrestlers of today and yesterday. The extremely numerous match styles add to the game play. I can also create my own pay-perview event and/or storylines. I can even relive my favorite matches and change the outcome if I want. Where else can you do that, except in sport games?





Why: If you are someone who likes game play, but aren't exactly a "seasoned gamer," "Mario Party 8" is for you. The board minigame allows for 1-4 players and because it is based more on chance than strategy, gamers of all levels and abilities can play and enjoy. In fact, it's a game one can pick up and play a little or a lot; there's not need to sit for hours and play. Saving is easy, and the game is colorful and lively. I give it two thumbs up!

8 Need for Speed: Most Wanted

Emmett Wayne, 50, Iraq

Why: This is the best of the "Need for Speed" series. It features exciting races of different types and the opportunity to put one over on the cops in various scenarios. And the skill level is

such that anyone can pick up the game and enjoy. An oldie, but a goodie!!



Metroid Prime: Trilogy Joshua Ritz, 21, Korea

Why: This game package combines the puzzles, bosses and maps from all three "Metroid Prime" titles with one added bonus: the ability to use the Wii remote for the first two titles. The series has remained true to the platformer genre since the first game was released for the NES in the 1980s. Jump from ledge to ledge, shoot monsters, blow stuff up, and escape just in the nick of time. What makes this title stand out among the rest is its first-person shooter adaptation to the

6 Battlefield 2Michael Wieczynksi, 33, U.S.

platformer genre.

Why: This game offers something for everyone. The game is inherently a first-person shooter, but adds real time strategy, and flight simulation to the mix. So even if you're not totally a FPS guy, but may like flight SIMS or RTS you can still play with your friends and enjoy the experience. Not to mention it supports 64 players (32 on each team) pitted against each other in some of the most epic battles ever articulated in an online multiplayer game. Even with newer titles, I find myself ooing back.



Mario Kart Wii

Roberta Sadler, 45, U.S.

Why: "Mario Kart" is a game that everyone can play. I like that four players can play at one time. Each time you play there is something new to be discovered. It is not the same thing over and over. Great for all ages four to 100.

Halo 3 John Garill, 40, Germany

Why: The latest "Halo" gaming piece involves non-Spartans named "Orbital Drop Shock Troopers" helping to save humanity from extinction with additional multiplayer maps of the series.



Brandon Harris, 27, Korea

Why: "Halo" allows the person to move and act like they would even in real life. The movement in the game is the same as how the gamer him/herself is thinking and reacting. If a player is aggressive, the character is aggressive; if the player is a bit more strategic then that's how the player will react. Many games do this but none portrays it quite as well as "Halo 3." It allows you to choose your plan of attack, coordinate it, choose the right weapon for it and then attack or defend the best way, any way you feel is the best.

Fallout 3
Steve Ramsey, 39,
Germany



Why: "Fallout 3" is the game that brought me in to the first-person-perspective game category. The quick pick-up of the scenario just keeps you coming back for more. Its replayable quality is its outstanding draw. At first, simply changing the personality from good to evil or somewhere in between presents a new play option. This has only improved with the addition of four expansions to the game.

Rocco DeFilippis, 26, Germany

Why: The storyline and epic world created in the "Fallout" series is one of the most creative and engaging creations in gaming history. The first PC games built up the foundation for it, and "Fallout 3" is simply the icing on the cake. The game is visually stunning, intuitively controlled, challenging and its open-world setting makes it playable for hours on end. The ability to control everything from the looks of your player, to how they progress, through their skills and their reaction is tops.

Anthony Goings, 33, U.S.

Why: I think "Fallout 3" is one of the most innovative games to come out in quite a while. It has an awesome atmosphere with a creative story. I think other people would love it simply because there is so much to do and see and the story is incredibly engrossing. I think everyone should give this game a shot!

Honorable Mention

Place ain't nothing but a number. These games are great too.

Far Cry



Dean Adams, 56, Germany

Why: "Far Cry" is the best of the best; it has a great plot and lots of action.

MS Flight Sim X



Monty Powers, 48, Korea

Why: This is a great flight simulator that can help you get into a future career. Once you get it loaded and start to learn how to play, you have learned enough to get into a real C-172 and go fly! What other game can do that?

EverQuest



Bill Lassetter, 53, Germany

Why: One of the original role-playing games that still has a large following and great gaming content.

Guitar Hero



Laura Brown, 26, Germany

Why: There are endless versions of this game and you can play them forever!!!

InFAMOUS



Kenneth Jones, 22, Germany

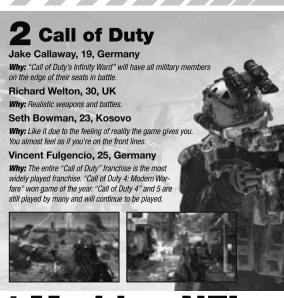
Why: It [gives you] the option of being a good guy or a bad one. That always makes it a great game to enjoy and play over and over AGAIN!

It'ssss Baaaaaaaack!

The 2009 Big Game Giveaway

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Read the rules, and fill in the information requested and submit your entry before the December 31 deadline.



Madden NFL

Joey DeBarberie, 30, U.S.

Why: "Madden" football games have been (and quite possibly, always will be) THE football game to play. With the stunning visuals, updated rosters, and evolving playbooks, there is almost no reason any football fan would not be pleased. Any fan of football is a fan of "Madden" football games.

Isa Veguilla, 32, Japan

Why: Playing sports is what every kid needs to stay away from drugs. Sports teach kids what is teamwork, respect, communication, responsibility and help them keep good

Pierre Fuller, 22, Qatar

Why: I think everyone would love this game because it gives a chance to compete to fantasy football players as well as gamers who just want to play as their favorite teams. It also boosts morale among football fans in deployed locations such as mine

William Quarterman, 28, Germany

Why: It's the most realistic football game on the market. EA Sports has made the sporting game world just that much better!

Rene Corneio, 34, Japan

Why: The graphics are superb and life-like, and Madden, who was a Raiders head coach



led them to a Super Bowl win. Yes, I'm a Raiders and "Madden" fan.

Jonathan Koleski, 29, Afghanistan

Why: "Madden" games are like Xmas. Every year we wait for it to come out and every year it gets better. With new game play options and improved graphics it's a legacy that will continue to grow.

Matthew Young, 41, Germany

Why: "Madden" lets those virtually play in America's game of football. The graphics and game options just keep getting better every year. It's a game that can be played by kids

Dayne Sandrock, 22, Afghanistan

Why: I think this game deserves the honor because of the in-depth franchise mode and online play it has to offer. "Madden" is an all-around game for every gamer worldwide. I also think the online franchise mode puts this game above all others





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PLAYER'S CLUB Player reviews

Sturmovik: **Birds of Prey**

"IL 2 Sturmovik: Birds of Prey' isn't like "HAWX" or

"Ace Combat 6" it's more in line with "Blazing Angels;" you have to fly the plane and aim. It's set



There are three settings: Arcade, Realistic, and Simulator mode. I recommend the Arcade mode, as it caters more to beginners. For you, veteran pilots, try the Simulator setting (very difficult). The multiplayer package is well rounded, and although it's a shame there's no co-op play, the competitive offering has 16 players and four different game modes.

The Arcade difficulty setting in the "Birds of Prey" feature is a simple enough thing to understand. The controls are very forgiving, and with them you should be able to breeze through the main campaign with little difficulty, which in turn lets you unlock more planes, weapon loads, and informative articles.

In Realistic mode, things change dramatically. All of a sudden vour plane is shaking when the machine guns fires, throwing off vour aim. You can stall in midair if vour movements are too sudden. and you must display a far greater degree of patience and determination when tangling with the game's challenges.

Simulator mode makes things get truly hardcore, as you're locked to the in-cockpit and gunner views and have all your radar assists and icons turned off, meaning you must fly and kill largely by sight and sound.

"IL 2 Sturmovik: Birds of Prey has your typical WWII historical locations, daytime and night-time battles with detailed planes at your disposal. This game has dogfights and bombing runs typical of many other fighter pilots games in the past; nothing really special or different except for the graphical improvements. It is a good-looking

> fighter pilot game, with detailed plane models and environments.



ics that offers nothing new to attract players from other genres.

Gee R. Jeon for Stripes GAMER Panel

Stars Wars: The Clone Wars - Republic Heroes

"Stars Wars: The Clone Wars Republic Heroes" is an actionadventure game based on the Cartoon Network cartoon series, "Star Wars: The Clone Wars.' You play as some of your favorite characters from the series.



The game controls are very simple and straightforward and you find yourself only using four buttons most of the

Schetgen game. The game controls the camera as each of the levels is played from a modified side scrolling view. You will spend most of the game slashing through battle droids and jumping around in the environment, collecting orbs. There are no save points. Instead there are re-spawn points where you will spawn back to if you are killed or fall off the ledge. The latter will happen a lot in the game, as you cannot always tell where you are jumping and landing.

To unlock additional content, upgrades and cheats you will progress through each linear level with pre-determined characters collecting orbs. And you get to fight waves of battle droid armies with the help of small teams of Storm Troopers and your AI companion. Some missions will switch up who you control and you will find yourself taking control of your Al companion. Your companion will assist in fighting enemies and vou also need them to help vou progress through parts of the game. Other parts of the game require you to hijack and use droids to progress through the level.

Game graphics and cut scenes remind you of the cartoon series and the game sound and music are what you would expect from a "Star Wars" game. If you are a fan of the cartoon series and looking for an easy game designed for younger kids, then pick this up you will enjoy it.

> Jacob Schetgen for Stripes GAMER Panel



Bayonetta

Alaska; she's a witch who's

just awakened from a five-

century slumber and she's

ready to kick some super

Bayonetta is the title

character in the upcom-

ing game developed by

Hideki Kamiya for Sega.

Publisher: SEGA

Genre: Action

ESRB: Mature

January 5

natural butt.

She's a gun-totin, spec-

tacle-wearing babe

with up-do

hair. And she's

definitely going

rogue. However,

she's not the for-

mer governor of

She can carry a host of weapons, ranging from katanas to bazookas, and use

them with deadly skill against a host of fantastic enemies. And when the abil-

ity to pull a trigger with her toes isn't

enough to dispatch foes,

Bayonetta can rely on some

impressing magical powers.

fists out of thin air to subdue

off by calling upon a mystical

She can summon gigantic

an enemy - or or finish him

guillotine or iron maiden.

At a recent demon-

stration, the action was

whelming at times—but

always very cool.

dazzling-even a bit over-

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GAMER's Hot List

Army of Two: The 40th Day

ESRB:

When a disaster of epic proportions strikes Shanghai, China, Rios and Salem find themselves right in the middle of it all - the

wrong place, the wrong time, but the right team. A carefully orchestrated series of mysterious catastrophes is dragging Shanghai to the brink of ruin and now the Army of Two must fight their way through ravaged city districts as they try to beat the odds and uncover the secret of the 40th Dav.

"Army of Two: The 40th Day"



features a bigger playbook of new co-op moves that either player can use at any time. opening up new strategies and countless choices for both players. The result is a bigger, better, more organic and immersive co-op experience that lets gamers put their best twoman tactics to use whenever and wherever they want

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Mass Effect 2

Resident Evil Archives Publisher: Genre: Genre: Adventure ESRB: Mature ESRB: Pending Available Now



Genre: Action



MAG Publisher: Sony Genre: Online ESRB: Pending January 26

The "Mass Effect" trilogy is a science-fiction adventure set in a vast universe filled with dangerous January 26 alien life forms and mysterious

uncharted planets. In this dark second chapter, Saren's evil army of Geth soldiers has just been defeated and humans, who are still struggling to make



their mark on the galactic stage, are now faced with an even greater peril.

Two years after Commander Shepard repelled invading Reapers bent on the destruction of organic life, a mysterious new enemy has emerged. Now Shepard must work with Cerberus, a ruthless organization devoted to human survival at any cost, to stop the most terrifying threat mankind has ever faced.



Even with help, they say it would be suicide. Commander Shepard intends to prove them

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Unprecedented terrain deformation creates ever-changing courses through the full length of each race. **GAMER**

No More Heroes 2:

Desperate Struggle Genre:

ESRB:

"No More Heroes 2: Desperate Struggle" continues the tale of punk anti-hero Travis Touchdown, the

Japanese anime Otaku, and pro-wrestlingobsessed assassin. Travis finds himself at the bottom of the UAA (United Assassins Association) rankings and must wage war to become the No. 1 assassin once again. The follow-up to the popular "No More Heroes" will offer fans infectious, fun gameplay that lets them wield not just one, but two swords and face multiple bosses simultaneously in bigger-thanever boss

battles. GAMER

PORTABLES

The Legend of Zelda: **Spirit Tracks**

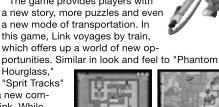
ESRB:

The game provides players with a new story, more puzzles and even a new mode of transportation. In this game. Link voyages by train. which offers up a world of new op-

Hourglass, "Sprit Tracks" introduces a new com-

panion for Link. While navigating dungeons, he's accompanied by Phantom, a hulking suit of armor that responds to his commands.

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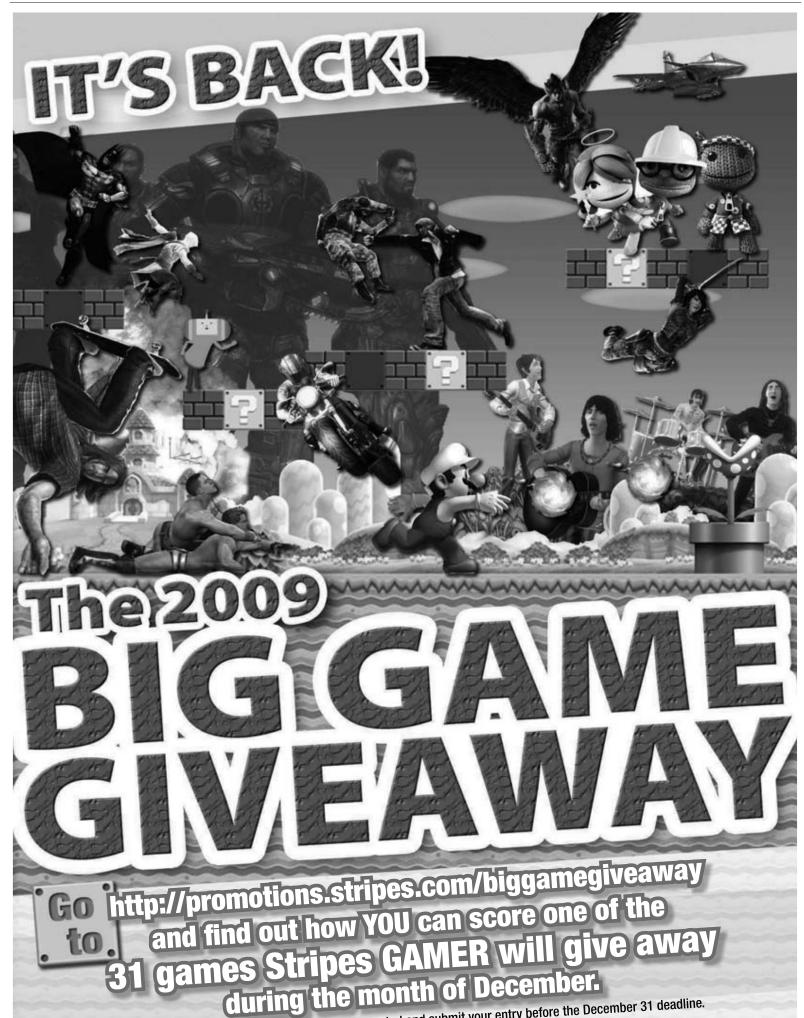
MX vs. ATV Reflex

ESRB: Available Nov

"MX vs. ATV Reflex' marks the return of the off-road racing franchise and features the all-new Rhythm Racing 2.0 physics engine, Rider Reflex control system and

real-time terrain deformation. The Rider Reflex control system provides unparalleled precision and fluidity by separating machine steering from body positioning, which allows

the independently controlled rider to shift his weight, perform death-defying stunts and avoid potentially devastating wrecks. that have a real-time impact on gameplay and remain persistent 第3種郵便物認可



Read the rules, fill in the information requested and submit your entry before the December 31 deadline.

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EFFECTIVE SPEECH IS TO HAVE A GOOD MAIN POINT

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THING ...

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REALLY.

UP

AND FORGET THE

OTHER THOUSAND

BUCKY, SATCHEL THINKS
YOU WANT TO OPEN UP A
RESTAURANT FOR FISH
CUSTOMERS. SATCHEL,
BUCKY WANTS TO OPEN
A RESTAURANT TO

A RESTAURANT TO SERVE FISH AS FOOD.

OOP,
THERE'S
THE NAME!
CAP'N BUCKY
KILL-O-RANT.
BEAUTIFUL.

Horoscope

Do you suddenly have the urge to give a toast or speak publicly on a matter of importance? Are you inclined to lecture your family, friends or students, quite sure that you now have the perfect combination of words that will influence them favorably? Mercu-

ry enters Capricorn, ready to show us what it means to be powerfully persuasive.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 5). What you believe will always be communicated. You'll decide to prevail no matter what — and you will, both when the going is easy and when it's challenging. Others get on board and help you succeed. January brings financial luck. February features

new and nurturing love. Adventure calls in June. Aries and Virgo people adore vou.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A timely, tender word will build bridges where chasms once were. Sometimes suffering is an opportunity to bring people closer together. A hand held is a hand healed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not really your bag to delegate re-sponsibilities to other people. When you want something done right, you do it yourself. However, today, if you delegate, your results will be quite favorable. Something new is stirring.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You look fantastic without trying. This effortless beauty has little to do with makeup or clothing and much more to do with making your outside a simple reflection of your inner loveliness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Lest you forget what it was like to be a kid, do some playing around. Tinker with a toy, do a cartwheel or bounce a ball. You'll get a very intelligent and adult insight out of a trip back in time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have come to realize that the best life is the one lived to help others. Your sense of compassion for those less fortunate is your guiding force and has made you a gift to those around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No, you can't make everyone happy all of the time, but you manage to lift the spirits of most of them. The best part is that you won't tire of this cheerleading — it feeds you, too.

Holiday Mathis

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your path up to this point has been a and tribulations, and today leans toward the former. harvest time is here.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24of friends will make you feel like all is well in the world. You'll take part in

the life-affirming laughter. And you'll also be reminded that you have much to look forward to.

21). The way to squeeze the most out of your life today is to live dangerously. You are no stranger to taking chances, especially with your emotions. Tonight, you'll have fantastic

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are people who give up at the first sign of hardship, and there are people who, when confronted with adversity, increase their determination. You are of the latter, which is why you'll win today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do business with a water sign — that's Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces. These signs need to feel that their purchase is not only helping them, but also helping the world at large.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In doing what's good for you, you'll set a fine example for the rest of the group. Give yourself what you need in order to feel healthy and vibrant, and don't deprive yourself unnecessarily of the things you enjoy.

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mixed bag of triumphs You've sown Fuzzy your good seeds, and Nov. 21). A gathering

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

stories to tell

This press is perfect, You can't tell that I'm pregnant. of Lila Meaning

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OK, STOP STOP STOP YOU GUYS ARE CONFUSED

(A) NO, I HADN'T HEARD THE RECEGGION WAS OVER, AND

RECEGGION WAS OVER, AND
(B) YOUR HOUSE IS ON MY FOOT.













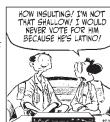
WE GUARANTEE ALL OUR FISH DISHES DIDN'T HARM DOLPHINS, TUNA OR WILD SALMON

STOCKS.

Other Coast



GREAT. I'LL HAVE THE DAILY SPECIAL.



VOILÀ. PLANKTON!



YOU REALIZE

YOU'RE STARVING





Difficulty: Medium

Fill in the boxes so that each row column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's solution

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Party won't cure mom's blues

Dear Abby: I will be 50 next year. My daughter is determined to throw me a party, but I'm not interested in acknowledging my age. In fact, thinking about it throws me into a panic.

I realize this is my but how can I make her understand that this is something I truly do not want?

- 49 And Holding Dear Holding: Your daughter is well-meaning but insensitive. Because you can't make her comprehend that birthdays have different connotations for different people, and that you prefer to "for-get" about this one,

plan an enjoyable getaway and leave town. And every time you feel yourself going into a panic, practice this mantra: 50 is the new 30. Once you make up your mind to accept it, then you will believe it.

Dear Abby: I recently inher-

ited some money. The amount is enough to allow me to leave a job I find stifling and set up my own business without having to worry about money for the first year.

I am excited about it, but I'm getting nothing but doom and

Dear Abby

disapproval from my family. My husband says he supports me, but has confided that he's afraid I'm going to plunge us into poverty. The family reminds me of how many small businesses fail and tell me I'm "crazy" to leave a secure job. Am I naive and irresponsible?

- Ambitious in Australia

Dear Ambitious: No, you're a woman with a

dream. And that's OK.

HOWEVER, just to cover your bases and see if your dream is practical, write a business plan and take it to a bank to see if they would be willing to lend you money to start your business. If the answer is yes, I see no reason

why you shouldn't invest in yourself (at zero interest).

Dear Abby: I am 30 and have been dating my girlfriend. 'Megan," for a few months. She's 22. I'm in love with her, but I can't seem to get something out of my

Megan told me she is bisexual. She says she has never been with a woman, but she's attracted to them. I was in this situation before. My last girlfriend left me for another woman, and I'm afraid it'll happen again. I love Megan and would like to spend the rest of my life with her, but I'm afraid.

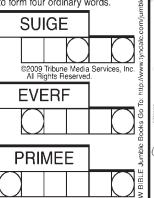
— Confused in Rhode Island

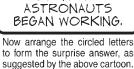
Dear Confused: Megan has been honest with you. She's also 22, and she may not be sure of exactly who she is. Until she's certain about what she wants, it is premature of you to be considering a permanent relationship.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can

write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Unscramble these four Jumbles. one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words.





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(Answers Monday)

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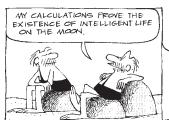
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Speed Bump



Pearls Before Swine FLOWERS, PUPPIES AND BABIES. JUST FIGURE OUT A WAY TO WORK THEM INTO YOUR GAME AND YOU'LL HAVE DUDE, IF YOU WANT A GIRL, YOU GOTTA I'M LONELY. I NEED TO BE HELD. I NEED WHAT DO THEY IT'S NOT WORKING. FOCUS ON WHAT GIRLS ALL OVER YOU





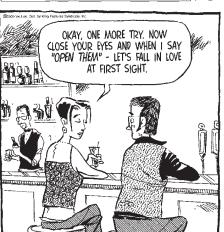




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Yokosuka - 1999 Chevrolet Silverado LT 1500 stepside, Z71, 4x4, US Spec, 5,3 Vortec V-8, 44xxx miles, Black, grey leather interior, PL, PW, CC, AC, AT, bed cover, bed liner, remote locks, Budnik aluminum Yokota, Japan - 1991 Crievrolet Silverado It pains me to sell this truck as I love it so much PCS difficulties forcing sale. This truck has a 100 plate, so JCI is remote locks, Budnik aluminum wheels, JCI/inspection until Au-gust 2010, fully loaded, like new, must see, \$11500, call Aaron 241-3297 or 08051733408, ehrons@hotmail.com truck has a 100 plate, so JCI is every year. Turns heads every-where I drive. \$5,500 w/o 20 wheels 78, XXX miles 3" cat-back exhaust w/ Flow master 10 series mulfler Bell tech 57 static drop Shaved taillights forovette ZR-1 taillights in FFIP 20x3 Status Dynasely wheels interest Todder Togo theory and the Status Shaved taillights interest Todder Togo theory as one cover Set of 4 black 15x1 reau cover Yokota - 1992 Eunos Roadster (Mazda Miata). Red with black convertible top. 1.6L 4 cyl, Automatic, PW, AC. CD/MP3 Player with Aux-in. 97K Km, JCI good till Mar 2011 \$1500 OBO 267-6312 Daytona wheels with 255/65R15 Michelin tires JIC until Nov. 2010 Asking \$7000 OBO Please email mvf4slayer@aol.com or call Nick 080-3696-3998 267-6312
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Skyline Black with tons of
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adjustable suspension, TD-06
17C, Front mount intercools,
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Lux Surf (4Runner) Very Clean
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Bassara, 7 passenger Van,
Navi.TV 2000 captain's chairs 1
and 2nd row with adjustable arm
rests. Keyless entry with 2
remotes and 2 keys, CD/Navigator./TV, system, Drives like new
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every 3 months, never had one
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consoles both do not have Rod
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drive. I have a brand new Ben Q
DVD drive but you need to
transfer the key from the old one
to the new drive for it to work.
The other one just won't accept
updates. I called Microsoft and
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they are both non HDMI so I do
not want them. Asking \$25
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Robert 08066731820

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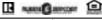
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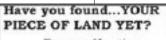
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AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NFL: N.Y. Jets at Buffalo (dld).

Saturday

AFN-Sports, 12:30 a.m.—NBA: Miami at Denver (dld).

AFN-Pacific, 10 a.m.—NHL: Boston at

Montreal. **AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—NBA: Chicago at

Cleveland.

AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.—College football:
Mid-American Conference championship, Ohio vs. Central Michigan at Detroit.

AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Miami
at L.A. Lakers.

at L.A. Lakers 1 p.m.—College basketball:
Colorado Arthers 5 p.m.—College basketball:
ARN-Sparts, 5 p.m.—College football:
Mid-American Conference championship, Onlo vs. Central Michigan at Detroit
(dld)
ARN-Sports, 10 p.m.—NBA: Boston at
Oklahoma City (dld).

Sunday

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.—College football:
West Virginia at Rutgers.
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—College football:
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
AFN-Xtra, 2 a.m.—College football:
Conference USA championship, Houston
vs. East Carolina at Greenville, N.C.
AFN-Xtra, 5 a.m.—College football:
New Mexico State at Boise State.
AFN-Atlantic, 5:30 a.m.—College football:
Arizona at Southern California.
AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.—College football:
Southeastern Conference championship,
Florida vs. Alabama at Atlanta.
AFN-Atlantic, 10 a.m.—College football:
Atlantic Coast Conference championship, Georgia Tech vs. Clemson at
Tampa, Fla.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—College football:
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—College football:

Tampa, Fla.

AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—College football:
Big 12 Conference championship, Nebraska vs. Texas at Arlington, Texas.

AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.—College football:
Wisconsin at Hawaii (joined in progress)

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—College football: Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 5 p.m.—College football: South Florida at Connecticut (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 8 p.m.—Boxing: Paul Williams vs. Sergio Martinez, junior middle-weights, at Atlantic City, N.J. (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—College football: Southeastern Conference championship, Florida vs. Alabama at Atlanta (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 11:30 p.m.—College basketball: North Carolina at Kentucky (dld).

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Japan

Boys basketball
Thursday's summary
Zama American 60, Matthew C. Perry 49
At Camp Zama
Perry 5 13 15 16–49
Zama 18 13 10 19–60

Zama 18 13 10 19-60
Scoring-Zama, Jonathan Neyland 23,
Tyus Berry 15, Mike Jorgenson 12; Perry,
Chase Dariso 18, John Ayers 18.
Girls basketball
Thursday's summary
Zama American 34, Matthew C. Perry 33
At Camp Zama
Perry 10 1 14 5-33
Zama 7 2 12 13-34
Zama 7 2 12 13-34
Zama 7 2 12 13-34

Scoring—Zama, T'Asia Snowden Mia Rose 8.

Interservice

Guam

Guam

Basketball

Andersen Thanksgiving
Turkey Shootout

At Coral Reef Fitness & Sports Center,
Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
Double-elimination playoffs
Friday's games

Game 1—Andersen Air Force Base B
vs. MVP Stars, 7 p.m.
Game 2—Guam National Team vs. Naval Station, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Game 3—Game 1 winner vs. Andersen
Air Force Base A, 11 a.m.
Game 4—Game 2 winner vs. Budweiser, 12:30 p.m.
Game 5—Game 1 loser vs. Game 2
loser, 2 p.m.
Game 6—Game 3 loser vs. Game 4
loser, 3:30 p.m.
Game 7—Game 5 winner vs. Game 6
winner 6:30 p.m.

Game 7—Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6:30 p.m.
Game 8—Game 3 winner vs. Game 4

winner, 8 p.m.
Sunday's games
Game 9—Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 11 a.m. **Game 10**—Game 8 winner vs. Game 9

winner, 2 p.m.

Game 11—Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 winner if Game 8 winner loses Game 10, 4:30 p.m.

College football

Schedule

Friday, Dec. 4

MAC championship, Central Michigan
(10-2) vs. Ohio (9-3) at Detroit
Saturday, Dec. 5
EAT
Cincinnati (11-0) at Pittsburgh (9-2)
West Virginia (8-3) at Rutgers (8-3)
South Florida (7-4) at Connecticut (6-5)

SOUTH

C-USA championship, Houston (10-2) at East Carolina (8-4)
San Jose St. (2-9) at Louisiana Tech (3-8)

SEC Championship

SEC championship, Florida (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-0) at Atlanta Florida Atlantic (4-7) at Fla. Interna-tional (3-8)

tional (3-8)
ACC championship, Georgia Tech (10-2) vs. Clemson (8-4) at Tampa, Fla.
MIDWEST
Fresno St. (7-4) at Illinois (3-8)
Cent. Connecticut St. (9-2) at Butler (10-1)

Southern U. (6-4) at Texas Southern (5-4) (5-4)
Big 12 championship, Texas (12-0) vs.
Nebraska (9-3) at Arlington, Texas
FAR WEST
New Mexico St. (3-9) at Boise St. (12-0)

Arizona (7-4) at Southern Cal (8-3) California (8-3) at Washington (4-7) Wisconsin (8-3) at Hawaii (6-6)

FCS playoffs

Quarterfinals Saturday, Dec. 5 William & Mary (10-2) at Southern Il-linois (11-1) Stephen F. Austin (10-2) at Montana (12-0)

(-u) New Hampshire (10-2) at Villanova Appalachian State (10-2) at Richmond (11-1)

(11-1)

Dec. 11-12

Stephen F. Austin/Montana vs. Appalachian State/Richmond
New Hampshire/Villanova vs. William
& Mary/Southern Illinois

Championship
Friday, Dec. 18
At Finley Stadium/Davenport Field
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Semifinal winners

NCAA Division II playoffs

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
Grand Valley State (12-1) vs. CarsonNewman (11-2)
California, Pa. (11-3) vs. Northwest
Missouri State (12-1)
Championship
Saturday, Dec. 12
At Braly Municipal Stadium
Florence, Ala.
Semifinal winners

NCAA Division III playoffs

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
Albright (11-1) at. Mount Union (12-0)
Johns Hopkins (10-2) at Wesley (12-0)
Wisconsin-Whitewater (12-0) at Wittenberg (12-0)
St. Thomas, Minn. (11-1) at Linfield (12-0)

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 12
Albright/Mount Union vs. Johns Hop-

Albright/Mount union vs. Johnson
kins/Wesley
Wisconsin-Whitewater/Wittenberg
vs. St. Thomas, Minn./Linfield
Championship
Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl
Saturday, Dec. 19
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.
Seminfinal winners

NAIA playoffs

Semifinals

Saturday, Dec. 5 Lindenwood (12-0) at Carroll, Mont. Saint Xavier (13-0) at Sioux Falls (13-

Championship Saturday, Dec. 19 At Barron Stadium

St. Xavier/Sioux Falls vs. Lindenwood/ Carroll, Mont.

Deals

Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to
terms with INF Brian Buscher, LHP Mike
Gosling, RHP Jason Grilli and INF Luis Ro-

Gosing, RHP Jason Grilli and INF Luis Rodriguez on minor league contracts.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Joey Devine on a one-year contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with LHP Billy Wagner on a one-year contract.

contract. contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Agreed to
terms with G Allen Iverson.
UTAH JAZZ—Extended the contract of

Jerry Sloan through the 2010-11

Season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed WR Troy

Bergeron to practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS—Placed LB Pisa Tinoisamoa on injured reserve.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DB

Brian Schaefering. Signed RB Jed Collins and DB Michael Grant to the practice

squad.

squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed RB Mike Hart and DE Ervin Baldwin from the practice squad. Waived WR John Matthews from the practice squad. Signed OL Keith Gray, OL Andrew Radovich and QB Shane

Boyd to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed TE Matthew NEW YORK JEIS—Signed I E Mattnew Mulligan from the practice squad. PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed CB Anthony Madison. Waived CB Corey Ivy. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed WR Keith Eloi to the practice squad. MACKEY National Hockey League BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned D Johnny Boychuk to Providence (AHL) for condi-tioning.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled D

JAKUN KRED WINGS—RECAIRED J JAKUN KINDI FORM GRAND RAPIDS (AHL), MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled D Jaime Sifers from Houston (AHL), MONTREAL CANADIENS—Traded C Kyle Chipchura to Anaheim for a 2011 fourth-round draft pick.

fourth-round draft pick.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Claimed F Erik
Christensen off waivers from Anaheim.
Reassigned F Chris Chappell from Hartford (AHL) to Charlotte (ECHL).

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed D Oskars Bartulis to a multiyear contract extension.

HORSE PACING

tension. HORSE RACING
KENTUCKY HORSE RACING COMMISSION—Suspended trainer Kiaran
MCLaughlin 30 days due to drug violations for three horses he trained.
SOCCER
Major Indoor Soccer League
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Announced the retirement of D Jay Heaps.
PHILADELPHIA KIXX—Signed F Rey
Martinez.

PHILADELPHIA NACO DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY BLUE FC—Signed F Laura Osterberg Kalmari.

COLLEGE
ARKANSAS—Named John Erck named director of development for the athletics

program.

GEORGIA—Fired defensive coordinator Willie Martinez, linebackers coach
John Jancek and defensive ends coach

INDIANA—Fired men's soccer coach

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Mike Freitag.
MALONE—Announced the resignation
of football coach Mike Gardner so he can
take the same position at Tabor College.
PITTSBURG STATE—Announced the
resignation of football coach Chuck Broyles, who will remain as athletic director.
Promoted assistant football coach Tim
Beck to action head coach.

Beck to acting head coach.

TCU—Agreed to terms with football coach Gary Patterson on a seven-year contract.

Boxing

Fight schedule

Dec. 4

Dec. 4
At Agde, France, Anselmo Moreno vs.
Frederic Patrac, 12, for Moreno's WBA
bantamweight title.
At Santa Ynez, Calif., Tyrone Brunson
vs. Carson Jones, 10, junior middle-

College basketball

Wednesday's men's scores

FAST
Albright 69, Messiah 58
Alvernia 88, Elizabethtown 80
Bentley 81, Mass.-Lowell 56
Bridgeport 84, C.W. Post 75
Connecticut 92, Boston U. 64
Cornell 104, Bucknell 98, OT
DeSales 65, Manhattanville 4. DeSales 66, Manhattanville 42 Dominican, N.Y. 61, Caldwell 51 Eastern 61, Kings, Pa. 48 Franklin & Marshall 78, Ursinus 74 George Washington 66, George Mason

George Mashington 66, George Ma Gettysburg 70, Johns Hopkins 61 Harvard 85, Rice 64 Haverford 67, Washington, Md. 62 Heidelberg 74, Otterbein 59 Holy Cross 85, Brown 79, OT Kutztown 92. Chestnut Hill 77 Lebanon Valley 70, Lycoming 67 Massachusetts 62, Quinnipiac 58 McDaniel 53, Dickinson 44 Mount St. Joseph 58, Bluffton 44 Mount St. Joseph 58, Bluffton 44 Notre Dame Coll. 70, Malone 56 Penn St. Behrend 77, Allegheny 70 Pittsburgh 67, Duquesne 58, 20T Scranton 82, Penn St. Hazleton 58 St. John's 63, Stony Brook 55

Pittsburgh 67, Duquesne 58, 201
Scranton 82, Penn St.-Hazleton 58
St. John's 63, Stony Brook 55
Towson 82, UMBC 77
Villanova 77, Drexel 58
West Chester 58, Philadelphia 53
Widener 80, Arcadia 67
Yale 48, Hartford 46
York, Pa. 93, Penn St.-Abington 72
SOUTH
Alabama 73, North Florida 51
Charlotte 80, East Carolina 68
Francis Marion 83, S.C.-Aiken 73
Georgia 64, Saint Louis 56
Georgia Tech 74, Siena 61
Hampden-Sydney 90, Roanoke 76
Illinois 76, Clemson 74
James Madison 72, Norfolk St. 64
Louisiana Tech 76, Louisiana-Monroe

Louisville 80, Stetson 48 Maryville, Tenn. 69, Carson-Newman

Miami 63, Minnesota 58
Milligan 97, Union 92
Montevallo 100, Concordia-Selma 67
New Orleans 51, Tulane 50
Queens, N.C. 80, Tusculum 74
Richmond 67, Old Dominion 60
South Carolina 74, W. Kentucky 56
South Florida 74, Hampton 55
Tennessee 78, ETSU 66
Transylvania 85, Hanover 71
UAB 65, Middle Tennessee 64
Va. Commonwealth 82, Rhode Island ຂດ

Vanderbilt 89, Missouri 83

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Vanderbilt 89, Missouri 83
W. Carolina 72, Wofford 67
William & Mary 84, Longwood 65
MIDWEST
Albion 84, North Central 79, OT
Augsburg 76, Hamline 71
Boston College 62, Michigan 58
Bradley 63, N. Illinois 49
Butler 59, Ball St. 38
Dayton 65, Miami (Ohio) 58
DePaul 58, Alabama St. 50
Franklin 57, Rose-Hulman 54
Gustavus 55, Carleton 46
John Carroll 96, Baldwin-Wallace 73
Kansas 98, Alcorn St. 31
N. lowa 63, lowa St. 60
Nebraska 81, Texas-Pan American 53
Ohio St. 77, Florida St. 64
South Dakota 111, Dakota St. 59
St. John's, Minn. 67, Bethel, Minn. 61
St. Mary's, Minn. 70, Macalester 67
St. Thomas, Minn. 73, Concordia,
Mor. 55
Toledo 65, Rochester, Mich. 46
Wilmington Ohio 51, Michigan 51

oor. 55 Toledo 65, Rochester, Mich. 46 Wilmington, Ohio 61, Muskingum 51 Wis.-Oshkosh 85, Wis.-Eau Claire 57 Wis.-Stevens Pt. 80, Wis.-Stout 59 Wis.-Superior 83, Wis.-River Falls 81,

Wis.-Whitewater 71, Wis.-La Crosse 59 Wisconsin 73, Duke 69 SOUTHWEST

Houston Baptist 92, Fairleigh Dickin-

Mustori Baptice 2-7 Mississippi 79, Arkansas St. 57 Missouri St. 75, Ark.-Little Rock 62 North Texas 91, Southwest 62 Oklahoma 67, Arkansas 47 TCU 60, SMU 53 Texas A&M 84, Prairie View 59

Texas A&M 84, Prairie View 59 Tulsa 86, Oklahoma St. 65 FAR WEST Air Force 61, N.C. Central 49 Denver 62, Lamar 55 Gonzaga 74, Washington St. 69 Loyola Marymount 91, Academy of Art

New Mexico 86, California 78 Portland St. 86, Portland 82 Sacramento St. 59, UC Davis 57

UC Riverside 87, CS Bakersfield 47 UNLV 74, Arizona 72, 20T Utah St. 71, BYU 61 Weber St. 83, Utah 76

Wednesday's women's scores

San Diego St. 69, San Diego 62, OT UC Irvine 80, Hawaii 70

Nednesday's women's scol
EAST
Alvernia 62, Elizabethtown 56, OT
Army 53, Fairleigh Dickinson 44
Bentley 79, Mass.-Lowell 59
Binghamton 76, Siena 70, OT
Boston U. 87, Brown 58
Bridgeport 62, C.W. Post 58
Canisius 52, Albany, N.Y. 41
Chatham 47, Waynesburg 43
Columbia 75, Delaware 63
Dominican, N.Y. 77, Caldwell 72
Drexel 50, American U. 40 Dorminican, N. 1. 71, Caldwell Drexel 50, American U. 40 Fordham 61, St. Peter's 59 Georgia Tech 64, Penn St. 60 Heidelberg 65, Otterbein 62 Holy Cross 74, Harvard 57 Kean 89, Rutgers-Camden 47 Kings, Da. 74 Escton 48 Kean 89, Rutgers-Camden 47
Kings, Pa. 74, Eastern 48
Lafayette 62, Penn 56
Lebanon Valley 86, Lycoming 80
Long Island U. 66, Delaware St. 34
Manhattanville 60, DeSales 48
Messiah 58, Albright 38
Monmouth, N.J. 61, Stony Brook 45
Mount St. Joseph 70, Bluffton 68
Niagara 66, Bucknell 41
Northeastern 73, Massachusetts 64
Princeton 86, Lehigh 68
Providence 86, Buffalo 63
Rhode Island 64, Cent. Connecticut St.

Rowan 68, College of N.J. 60 Scranton 76, Stevens Tech 63 St. Bonaventure 77, Quinnipiac 67 St. Vincent 73, Thiel 62 Syracuse 93, Wagner 55 Temple 62, Rutgers 51 UMBC 59, Navy 51 West Chester 84, Philadelphia 69 West Virginia 64, Radford 28 Widener 55, Arcadia 42 William Paterson 73, Ramapo 66 SOUTH

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William Paterson 73, Ramapo 66 SOUTH Alabama St. 58, North Florida 54 Bethune-Cookman 66, Florida Atlantic

61 Carson-Newman 71, Marvville, Tenn. 68

Charlotte 72, Presbyterian 36 Coastal Carolina 57, Coll. of Charleston 53 East Carolina 88, Va. Commonwealth

85 Fla. International 65, Barry 43 Francis Marion 69, S.C.-Aiken 65 Georgia Southern 73, Appalachian St.

Illinois 65, Wake Forest 50 Jacksonville St. 74, Alabama A&M 71 Louisiana-Lafayette 82, McNeese St.

Miles 80, Fisk 57
Milligan 78, Union 71
Mississippi St. 85, Southern Miss. 52
South Carolina 70, High Point 52
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UCF 84, Jacksonville 68
UNC Pembroke 56, Chowan 46
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Adrian 52, Albion 46
Akron 68, IPFW 66
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Boston College 72, Iowa 67
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Carroll, Wis. 79, North Park 64
Cent. Michigan 84, Louisville 75
Chicago 5t. 62, Valparaiso 54
Concordia, Mich. 63, Alma 56
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Minn. 45
Davepport 113, Burdue-Calumet 71 Thomas,

Concordia, Moor. 63, St. Thomas, Inn. 45

Inn. 45

Davenport 113, Purdue-Calumet 71

Edgewood 81, Marian, Wis. 44

Franklin 49, Rose-Hulman 43

Gustavus 77, Carleton 61

Hamline 94, Augsburg 76

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Macalester 61, St. Mary's, Minn. 48

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Notre Dame 69, E. Michigan 59

Pittsburgh 89, Youngstown St. 37

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St. Benedict 60, Bethel, Minn. 45

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Wishita St. 62, Loyola of Chicago 54

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Texas A&M 106, Stephen F.Austin 56

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Nevada 101, Sacramento St. 72 New Mexico 92, New Mexico St. 85 Oregon 95, Portland 68 Utah 66, Idaho St. 50, OT EXHIBITION Montevallo 81, Concordia-Selma 57

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Pro football

NFL injury report

NFL injury report

NEW YORK — The National Football
League injury report, as provided by the
league (OUT - Definitely will not play;
DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED: Limited
participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice;
SUNDAY

ST. LOUIS RAMS at CHICAGO BEARS
— RAMS: OUT: QB Marc Bulger (knee).
DNP: C Jason Brown (knee), RB Steven
Jackson (back), RB Mike Karney (neck),
T Jason Smith (concussion). LIMITED:
LB James Laurinaitis (shoulder). BEARS:
DNP: LB Lance Briggs (knee). DE Alex
Brown (calf), T Orlando Pace (groin), CB
Charles Tillman (concussion). LIMITED:
TE Desmond Clark (neck), DT Tommie
Harris (Knee).

DNP: LB Lance Briggs (knee), DE Alex Brown (calf), T Orlando Pace (groin), CB Charles Tillman (concussion), LIMITED: TE Desmond Clark (neck), DT Tommie Harris (knee),

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS: DNP: WR Michael Clayton (knee), LIMITED: DE Michael Bennett (toe), DT Roy Miller (ankle), T Donald Penn (knee), WR Maurice Stovall (thigh), CB Agib Talib (hamstring), DE Stylez G White (hand), RB Carnell Williams (not injury related), TE Kellen Winslow (knee). PANTHERS: DNP: WB Jake Delhomme (right finger), RB Brad Hoover (ankle), WR Dwayne Jarrett (ankle), DE Charles Johnson (pectoral), CB Captain Munnerlyn (concussion), RB Jonathan Stewart (Achilles), DT Tank Tyler (knee), RB DeAngelo Williams (ankle), LIMITED: LB Na'il Diggs (ribs), WR Muhsin Muhammad (knee). FULL: G Mackenzy Bernadeau (knee).

HOUSTON TEXANS at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — TEXANS: DNP: LB Xavier Adibi (illness), T Duane Brown (knee), LB Brian Cushing (foot), LB Zac Diles (illness), CB Glover Quin (head), LIMITED: LB DeMeco Ryans (ankle), RB Steve Slaton (neck), JAGUARS: OUT: CB Rashean Mathis (groin), DNP: G Kynan Forney (back), RB Maurice Jones-Drew (knee), LIMITED: LB JL Justin Durant (head), WR Mike Sims-Walker (knee).

DENVER BRONCOS: DNP: S Brian Dawkins (ankle), FULL: G Andy Alleman (knee), LB Ladont Horolan (back), OB Kyle Orton (ankle), WR Eddie Royal (thigh), LB Wesley Woodyard (neck), CHEFS: LIMIT-ED: RB Dantell Savage (ankle), RB Scholder), DE Jacob Ford (abdominal), S Michael Griffin (shoulder), DT Jason Jones (Shoulder), DT Jason Jones (Shoulder), DT Jason Jones (Shoulder), DE Jacob Ford (abdominal), S Michael Griffin (shoulder), DT Jason Jones (Shoulder), DE Jacob Ford (abdominal), S Michael Griffin (shoulder), DT Jason Jones (Shoulder), DE Jevon Kearse (not injury related), LIMITED: TE Tom Sant (hand), FULL: RB Joseph Addai (knee), G Kyle DeVan (knee), C Jeff Saturday (calf), WR Reggie Wayne (shoulder), DT Jason Jones (Shoulder), DE Jevon Kearse (not injury related), LIMITED: TE Tom Sant (hand), FULL: RB Joseph Addai (knee), G Jerraud Powers (kn

C Jeff Saturday (calf), WR Reggie Wayne (foot).

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at ATLANTA FALCONS — EAGLES: OUT: WR Kevin Curtis (knee), RB Brian Westbrook (concussion). LIMITED: DT Brodrick Bunkley (ankle), WR DeSean Jackson (concussion). FULL: DE Victor Abiamiri (knee), CB Sheldon Brown (hamstring), TE Brent Celek (thumb), C Nick Cole (knee), S Quintin Demps (ankle), G Todd Herremans (shoulder), LB Akeem Jordan (knee), WR Jeremy Maclin (foot), DT Mike Patterson (wrist, toe), LB Tracy White (chest), LD: WII Witherspon (foot), PALCONS (Dallankle), WR Michael Jenkins (ankle), BB Michael Turner (ankle), LIMITED: T Sam Baker (ankle, elbow), WR Brian Finneran (knee), LB Tony Gilbert (hamstring), WR Roddy White (knee), FULL: LB Curtis Lofton (knee, groin).

NEW ORIFANS SAINTS at WASHING-

Baker (ankle, elbow), WR Brian Finneran (knee), LB Tony Gilbert (hamstring), WR Roddy White (knee). FULL: LB Curtis Lofton (knee, groin).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS: DNP: CB Randall Gay (hamstring). SINP: CB Randall Gay (hamstring). BM Lance Moore (ankle) hamstring), CB Tracy Porter (knee). LIMITED: RB Mike Bell (neck, knee), RB Reggie Bush (knee), T Jermon Bushrod (thumb), LB Jo-Lonn Dunbar (wrist), G Jahri Evans (toe), LB Socton Dunbar (wrist), G Jahri Evans (toe), LB Socton Fullta (knee), C Jonathan Goodwin (ankle), CB Jabari Greer (groin), RB Lynell Hamilton (shoulder), CB Christ (knee), LB Socton LB (knee), DE Bobby (knee), CB Jonathan (knee), CB Jabari Greer (groin), RB Lynell Hamilton (shoulder), CB Christ (knee), LB Socton (knee), CB Justin Tryon (knee), CB Justin Fargas (neck), STEELERS: DNP: DE Greg Ellis (knee), WR Nick Miller (shin), FULL: LB Isaiah Ekejiuba (knee), RB Justin Fargas (neck), STEELERS: DNP: QB Charlie Batch (left wrist), LB James Farrior (not injury related), DE Travis Kirschke (calf), S Troy Polamalu (knee), WR Hines Ward (not injury related), DE Travis Kirschke (calf), S Troy Polamalu (knee), DF Rost (knee), DE Rost (knee), DF Grady Jackson (knee), LB Ernie Sims (hamstring), DE Dewayne White (toe), FULL: DT Andre Fluellen (toes), LB Zack Follett (neck), WR Calvin Johnson (knee), LB Rey Maualuga (foot), DE Frostee Rucker (knee), LB Kyries Heeper (hip), DT Tank Johnson (knee), LB Rey Maualuga (foot), DE Frostee Rucker

(neck), CB Morgan Trent (knee), FULL:
RB Cedric Benson (hip), LB Keith Rivers
(calf).

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS at CLEVELAND BROWNS — CHARGERS: DNP: DE
Luis Castillo (calf), NT Travis Johnson
(groin), LB Shawne Merriman (foot), DT
Ogemdi Nwagbuo (ankle), LB Shaun Phillips (ankle), S Eric Weddle (knee), LIMITED: RB Jacob Hester (knee), FULL: LB
Kevin Burnett (head), C Nick Hardwick
(ankle), P Mike Scifres (groin), BROWNS:
OUT: RB Jamal Lewis (head), S Brodney
Pool (head), DNP: DE Kenyon Coleman
(knee), LB Kamerion Wimbley (knee),
LIMITED: LB David Bowens (knee), LB
Blake Costanzo (shoulder), G Rex Hadnot
(knee), RB Chris Jennings (shoulder), TE
Robert Royal (thigh, finger), RB Lawrence
vickers (hamstring), FULL: S Mike Adams
(finger), WR Jake Allen (hip).

DALLAS COWBOYS: DNP: T Marc Colombo (ankle), S Ken Hamlin (ankle), GIANTS: OUT: RB Danny Ware (concussion).
DNP: RB Ahmad Bradshaw (ankle/foot),
S Michael Johnson (groin). LIMITED: WR
Derek Hagan (hamstring).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at SEATTLE
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Balmer (shoulder). WR Isaac Bruce
(ankle), S Michael Lewis (quadricep), S
Mark Roman (not injury related), DE Justin Smith (

ers (right groin). FULL: QB Kurt Warner (head).

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS at MIAMI DOLPHINS — PATRIOTS: DNP: RB Fred Taylor (ankle). LIMITED: WR Sam Aiken (hip), LB Eric Alexander (groin), TE Chris Baker (shoulder). LB Tully Banta-Cain (shoulder), DT Ron Brace (ankle), S Patrick Chung (head), WR Julian Edelman (forearm), DE Jarvis Green (knee), T Nick Kaczur (ankle), C Dan Koppen (knee), T Matt Light (knee), S Bret Lockett (groin), RB Sammy Morris (knee), G Stephen Neal (ankle), LB Rob Ninkovich (knee), T Sebastian Vollmer (head), DT Ty Warren (ankle), LB Pierre Woods (groin), DOLPHINS: DNP: C Jake Grove (ankle). LIMITED: DE Lionel Dotson (ankle), FULL: S Yeremiah Bell (thumb), RB Ricky Williams (chest).

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NHL roundup

Savard, Sturm lift Bruins

The Associated Press

.STARS AND STRIPES.

BOSTON - Marc Savard celebrated his seven-year contract extension by scoring his 200th NHL goal, and Marco Sturm scored twice in 2:33 to lead the Boston Bruins to a 4-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night.

Tim Thomas stopped 39 shots to give the Bruins their sixth victory in seven games. He made his second straight start since missing six games with an undisclosed injury.

Mark Recchi had three assists, and Zdeno Chara and Patrice Bergeron had two apiece to help Boston move back into first place in the Northeast Division. Savard has five goals and six assists in his last 11 games.

Boston led 4-0 after two periods before Jeff Halpern scored Tampa Bay's only goal 1:27 into the third period. Mike Smith made 35 saves for the Lightning, who lost for the fourth time in five

Canucks 5, Devils 2: At Newark, N.J., Henrik and Daniel Sedin had a hand in three firstperiod goals, and Roberto Luongo made 27 saves as Vancouver beat New Jersey.

Alex Burrows, Sami Salo, Daniel Sedin, Alexander Elder and Jannik Hansen had goals for the Canucks, who won for the fifth time in seven games. Luongo topped New Jersey's Martin Brodeur in a matchup of likely Canadian goalies when the Olympic



Boston Bruins left wing Marco Sturm, center, celebrates his goal against the Tampa Bay Lightning with teammates Patrice Bergeron, left, and Zdeno Chara during the second period in Boston on Wednesday, Sturm scored twice in the Bruins' 4-1 victory.

Games are held in Vancouver in February.

Niclas Bergfors and Travis Zajac scored for the Devils, who had won three straight and six in a row at home. Zach Parise had his 10-game point streak snapped.

Panthers 6, Avalanche 5 (SO): At Sunrise, Fla., Stephen Weiss recorded his second NHL hat trick and scored in the shootout to lift Florida over Colorado.

Nathan Horton and Dominic Moore also had goals for the Panthers, who snapped a five-game losing streak.

T.J. Galiardi and Matt Duchene both scored for Colorado with less then a minute left in regulation to send the game to overtime. Chris

Stewart and Paul Stastny also had goals for Colorado. Duchene netted another goal in the second

Wild 5, Predators 4 (OT): At St. Paul, Minn., Andrew Ebbett's rebound shot in overtime lifted Minnesota over Nashville.

Guillaume Latendresse, who scored for Minnesota during a five-goal first period, was stopped twice by Nashville goalie Pekka Rinne before Ebbett grabbed the puck and punched in the next try with a backhand from the slot.

Jason Arnott scored twice, including the go-ahead goal early in the third period, helping Nashville's top line get back on track.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division										
	GP	w	Ľ	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Pittsburgh	28	19	9	0	38	92	77			
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Philadelphia					27	77	65			
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Boston	27	14	8	5	33	68	65			
Buffalo	24	15	7	2		66	55			
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Central Division									
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Chicago	26	17	6	3	37	82	59		
Nashville	27	15			32	66	74		
Columbus	27	13	9	5	31	84	96		
Detroit	26	13	9	4	30	76	73		
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Wednesday Canucks 5, Devils 2

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First Period—1, Vancouver, Burrows
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New Jersey, Bergfors 7 (Greene, White),
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Third Period—6, Vancouver, Edler 2 (Kesler, Samuelsson), 1:36. 7, Vancouver, Hansen 3 (Bieksa), 5:18.

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 9-10-7—26. New Jersey 7-10-12—9.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 2; New Jersey 0 of 2.

Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo 11-9-0 (29 shots-27 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 15-7-1 (26-21).

A=13,586 (17,625). T=2:13.

Bruins 4, Lightning 1

Tampa Bay Boston

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First Period — 1, Boston, Savard 5 (Morris, Chara), 8:05 (pp). 2, Boston, Bergeron 8 (Chara, Recchi), 14:03.
Second Period — 3, Boston, Sturm 7 (Recchi, Bergeron), 13:36. 4, Boston, Sturm 8 (Bergeron, Recchi), 16:09.
Third Period — 5, Tampa Bay, Halpern 4 (Downie, Malone), 1:27.
Shots on Goal — Tampa Bay 16-11-13—40. Boston 13-9-17—39.
Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 0 of 6; Boston 1 of 3.
Goalies—Tampa Bay, Smith 4-5-5 (39 shots-35 saves). Boston, Thomas 7-6-3 (40-39).
A—16,553 (17,565). T—2:24.

Panthers 6, Avalanche 5 (SO) 0 2 3 0-5 2 2 1 0-6

Florida
Florida won shootout 1-0
First Period—1, Florida, Weiss 9 (Reinprecht, McCabe), 16:05 (pp). 2, Florida, Weiss 10 (Seidenberg, McCabe), 18:46.
Second Period—3, Colorado, Stewart 3 (Duchene, R.Wilson), 5:52. 4, Florida, Weiss 11 (Horton, Reinprecht), 8:16. 5, Colorado, Duchene 7 (Stewart, Stastny), 11:19 (pp). 6, Florida, Horton 8 (Reinprecht, Ballard), 16:21 (pp).
Third Period—7, Colorado, Stastny 7 (Stewart, Hannan), 4:49. 8, Florida, Moore 3 (Olesz, Kulikov), 7:41 (pp). 9, Colorado, Duchene 8 (Stastny, Galiardi), 19:07. 10, Colorado, Galiardi 2 (Stastny, Quincey), 19:44.

19:44, Shootout—Colorado O (Svatos NG, Duchene NG, Wolski NG, Stastny NG, Galiardi NG), Florida 1 (Frolik NG, Reinprecht NG, Olesz NG, Horton NG, Weiss G).

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Shots on Goal—Colorado 7-7-17-3—34.
Florida 19-14-8-3—44.

Power-play opportunities—Colorado 1 of 6; Florida 3 of 7.

Goalies—Colorado, Anderson (44 shots-39 saves), Budaj 1-1-1 (4:18 overtime, 0-0). Florida, Clemmensen 4-3-0 (34.29) time, 0-0). Florida, Clemme (34-29). **A**-12,403 (19,250). **T**-2:54.

Wild 5, Predators 4 (OT) Nashville

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Minnesota, Minnesota, Minnesota, Clutterbuck 5 (Brodziak, Havlat), 14:42.
Minnesota, Latendresse 4 (Brodziak), 17:28.
Minnesota, Nashville, Arnott 9 (Dumont, Sullivan), 3:42.
Minnesota, Koivu 7 (Brunette, Zidlicky), 13:02 (pp).
Moertime—9, Minnesota, Ebbett 3 (Latendresse, Zanon), 1:26.
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Minnesota 10-3.
Minnesota, Minnesota, Backstrom 10-9-3 (35-31).
M-18,071 (18,064), T-2:26.

Offense testing Bearcats' defense

By Joe Kay

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A board on the wall in Cincinnati's football meeting room lists six defensive goals for each game. In the past three weeks, only two of the goals were met — including winning the game.

That's a bad sign.

The fifth-ranked Bearcats need a stout game from their struggling defense on Saturday at No. 14 Pittsburgh, where the Big East championship will be decided.

It shapes up as the defense's biggest test yet.

In the past three games, the defense has slid from one of the nation's best to one just trying to keep up with the Bearcats' quick-strike offense. Cincinnati (11-0, 6-0) has given up 45, 21 and 36 points in the last three, having a particularly tough time stopping the run.

It's too late in the season to make any drastic changes.

"They are who they are," coach Brian Kelly said. "They battle. We've got a lot of inexperienced players."

Up next: Pittsburgh's Dion Lewis, who ranks fourth nationally in rushing with 131 yards per game. How well the Bearcats hold up will be a major factor in what amounts to a championship game. If Pittsburgh wins, the Panthers (9-2, 5-1) would share the title with Cincinnati and get the league's automatic BCS berth based on the head-to-head victory.

The outcome could depend on Cincinnati's defense, which has developed a reputation as the weak link in the past few weeks.

"By now, we're pretty used to it," linebacker J.K. Schaffer said. "We don't like it. But that gives us a little chip on our shoulder every week coming in, knowing we need to prove ourselves to the country every week. We're confident in ourselves on defense, but our offense is awesome."

And that's part of the problem. Knowing he had a high-powered passing offense with senior quarterback Tony Pike and a



DAVID KOHI //

Cincinnati tight end Ben Guidugli, top, is congratulated by offensive lineman Alex Hoffman after Guidugli scored against Illinois on Nov. 27. The Bearcats' speedy offense is wearing down the defense.

deep corps of receivers, Kelly decided to go with a conservative defensive scheme that would allow yards but not many big plays. Only one defensive starter returned from last year's team, which also was a factor in the decision.

A problem developed as the season went along. The offense was scoring so fast that the defense was on the field a lot and tended to wear down in the second half, allowing opponents to make comebacks. The Bearcats rank near the bottom of the country in time of possession.

Rather than running the ball more to give the defense a rest, Kelly has decided to stay with the formula that has led to an 11-0 record.

"We don't help our defense very much on offense, we really don't," Kelly said. "If I wanted to put lipstick on it, I could make it look a little bit better. But we want to win. We've got an offense — let them go.

"I just want to win, and it doesn't necessarily paint a great picture for our defense when we try to win that way."

The offense's penchant for scoring quickly has become a topic in the locker room.

"Our defense doesn't like us too much because we score too fast sometimes," tight end Ben Guidugli said. "We're fine with that."

Linebacker Andre Revels declined to get into the topic of Cincinnati's lopsided time of possession. The Bearcats have held the ball longer than their opponent only twice this season. In two games, opponents had the ball for more than 40 minutes.

"That's for people on the outside to think about," Revels said. "We don't go into statistics, we don't go into why this is happening, why that is happening. The only thing we're worried about is putting up Ws and right now, we're doing a good job of it. So we can't really question why things are happening. We just need to make sure they continue to happen."

Of course, much of the problem rests on the defense itself. It could get a little more rest if it got itself off the field more quickly. It doesn't force many turnovers, which is another shortcoming.

With only the Pittsburgh game left on the schedule, the Bearcats seem inclined to let the offense lead the way, scoring whatever is necessary to win.

"It could be a shootout and if that's what it comes down to,

Irish might have more appeal now

By Tom Coyne
The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The biggest challenge Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick faces as he searches for a replacement for Charlie Weis is finding somebody who believes the job is as good as Fighting Irish fans do.

It's been a problem for the Irish in recent coaching searches. During the last search after the 2004 season, they couldn't interest Urban Meyer even though he called it his "dream job." The last time Notre Dame got its first choice of coaches was in 1985, when Lou Holtz was hired a day after Gerry Faust resigned.

Things could be different this time around.

College football observers said many obstacles that might have caused some coaches to think twice before considering the Notre Dame job in the past have been removed.

As recently as 2004, Notre Dame had antiquated football facilities. Players dressed at Notre Dame Stadium and either walked or rode bikes to the practice fields on the other side of the Joyce Center. Team meetings were held in a cramped auditorium.

Now the players have a spacious facility just across the street from three practice fields, two of which have artificial turf.

Weis had three consensus top-10 recruiting classes in his five years as head coach and might have posted a fourth if he hadn't been fired. The Irish schedule, once among the nation's toughest, has been softened. Notre Dame, which once wouldn't allow its football coach to be paid more than its top administrators, now pays both its head coach and its assistant coaches at a competitive level.

The school even allows early high school seniors to enroll in January, once considered unthinkable.

"They have everything that a head coach is looking for," said Tom Lemming, CBS College Sports Network recruiting analyst. "You have great facilities, great academics, great TV exposure, a beautiful campus and tradition. Everything they're looking

for is there, and there is talent on the team."

Allen Wallace, publisher of SuperPrep magazine and national recruiting editor for Scout.com, agreed, saying there is no reason Notre Dame shouldn't be able to compete for national championships consistently.

"They eventually will if they bring in the right guy. The question is: Who's going to be the guy that can take that challenge on?" he said.

That's the question Swarbrick is trying to answer. So far, there are far more names being tossed out as candidates by the media and fans than people Swarbrick has identified as candidates.

Several coaches whose names have been identified in media reports as possible candidates spoke on Wednesday. Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz dismissed speculation he might be a candidate, saying he's content where he is. Connecticut athletic department spokesman Mike Enright would not comment on whether coach Randy Edsall has been contacted by Notre Dame. TCU coach Gary Patterson agreed to a new contract.

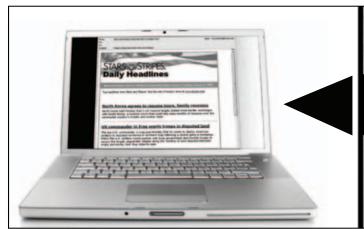
Swarbrick would not disclose how many people he has contacted about the job. He began reaching out to candidates Tuesday, and said he is consulting with a search firm.

He also said he's contacted people who know the candidates he has identified. He has talked with former coaches and a former athletic director of "national prominence" about the search.

Swarbrick spent part of Wednesday meeting with assistant coaches to hear their ambitions and try to help them. He also met with some players to get their perspective on what the school should be looking for in a coach and whether the team should go to a bowl.

Swarbrick hopes to have a decision Friday on whether Notre Dame (6-6) will go to a bowl. He wouldn't say when he might have a coach

The last search, under thenathletic director Kevin White, took 12 days from the day Tyrone Willingham was fired until Weis arrived on campus.



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NFL briefs

Post-concussion symptoms end Lewis' career

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Jamal Lewis has plowed into the line for the last time. Cleveland's punishing running back, who said last month that he planned to retire after the season, was placed on injured reserve Wednesday because of post-concussion symptoms, a premature and unceremonious end to his illustrious career.

Coach Eric Mangini, who declined to mention Lewis' injury in two news conferences this week, said the decision to put Lewis — and safety Brodney Pool — on IR came after consulting with the club's medical team.

"As I've said before, organizationally, players' health and safety are paramount in any decision we make with regards to putting them back on the field," Mangini said in a statement. "Jamal has been an integral part of this team and he has exhibited a great work ethic. He worked hard, studied hard and set a good example for the younger running backs."

Pool sustained his fourth concussion, this one against the Cincinnati Bengals.

With a bruising style that flattened tacklers, Lewis rushed for 10,607 yards, 21st on the NFL's career list, just 36 yards behind Ricky Watters (10,643) for 20th place. Lewis was the league's offensive player of the year in 2003, when he rushed for 2,066 yards for the Baltimore Ravens.

Lewis' final season was his

worst. He ran for 500 yards on 143 carries — a 3.5 average — and did not score a touchdown. He did not start in Sunday's game at Cincinnati, but came in for the second offensive play and finished with a team-high 40 yards on 11 carries.

Lewis' final carry was a 1-yard run with 14:02 left.

Vikings' Peterson ticketed for going 109 mph

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Vikings All-Pro running back Adrian Peterson was cited for speeding after police clocked him driving 109 mph on a highway in suburban Minneapolis.

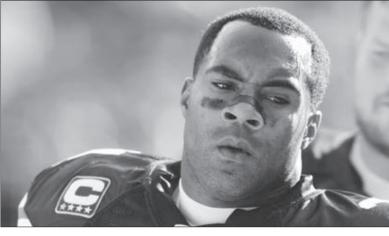
Edina police spokeswoman Molly Anderson said Peterson was pulled over just before 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Peterson was driving his car in a 55-mph zone when stopped. Anderson said he was given a citation and allowed to drive away. She said there was no accident and that it appeared to be a "very routine" traffic stop.

Peterson told The Associated Press he didn't realize how fast he was going. He said he "got a little speeding ticket" and said he planned to be more careful.

Also:

■ On the day that Brett Favre said his play this year definitely compares to his performances in his three MVP seasons (1995-97) with Green Bay, the Vikings' quarterback was selected NFC offensive player of the month



for November. Favre earned the honor Wednesday by leading the Vikings (10-1) to a 4-0 record, completing 91 of 130 passes (70 percent) for 1,193 yards and 12 touchdowns, with no interceptions and a passer rating of 129.4.

NFL changes return-to-play rules for concussions

NEW YORK — NFL teams have new, stricter instructions for when players should be allowed to return to games or practices after head injuries, guidelines that go into effect this week.

In the latest step by the league to address a hot-button issue, commissioner Roger Goodell sent a memo to the 32 clubs Wednesday saying a player who gets a concussion should not return to action on the same day if he shows certain signs or symptoms.

Those include an inability to remember assignments or plays, a gap in memory, persistent dizziness, and persistent headaches.

The old standard, established in 2007, said a player should not be allowed to return to a game if he lost consciousness.

Wednesday's memo also said players "are to be encouraged to be candid with team medical staffs and fully disclose any signs or symptoms that may be associated with a concussion."

Nearly one-fifth of 160 NFL players surveyed by The Associated Press from Nov. 2-15 replied that they have hidden or played down the effects of a concussion.

The new policy states, in part: "Once removed for the duration of a practice or game, the player should not be considered for return-to-football activities until he is fully asymptotic, both at rest and after exertion, has a normal neurological examination, normal neuropsychological testing, and has been cleared to return by both his team physician and the independent neurological consultant."

Workers hurt in fall from Cowboys Stadium roof

ARLINGTON, Texas — Two workers doing maintenance on the icy roof of towering Cowboys Stadium slipped and tumbled at least 50 feet Thursday morning before landing on a rain gutter. Authorities said both suffered significant injuries.

The two were working on the top hatch of the retractable-roof venue when they fell, assistant fire chief Don Crowson said. They were not using safety equipment, he said.

One worker lost consciousness after breaking a leg and suffering injuries to his head and chest, Dallas Cowboys spokesman Brett Daniels said. He was taken by helicopter to a hospital. The other worker suffered a back injury and was transported by ambulance.

Arlington police spokeswoman

Amy Sancetta/AP
Tiara Ellis Richard said the men
fell from the top of the upper roof
to a lower part. Daniels estimated
they fell between 50 feet and 75

Browns run-

who was set to retire at the end of the season, had his career cut short Wednesday because of

post-concussion symptons. Lewis, 21st on the NFL's career rushing

list, was offensive player of the year in

ning back Jamal Lewis

Cutler: Urlacher doesn't need to apologize

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Jay Cutler said there's no need for Brian Urlacher to apologize. He understands the linebacker's frustration, and if there's any ill will between the Chicago Bears' stars, the quarterback passed on confirming it.

Sound familiar? After reports of a rift in the summer, their relationship again was fodder for discussion after Urlacher questioned the Bears' direction while wondering why they went from emphasizing the run to the pass during an interview with Yahoo! Sports over the weekend.

Many viewed that as a shot at Cutler, the Pro Bowl QB whose arrival in an offseason trade with Denver ignited a surge of optimism in Chicago. That's gone, the Bears are 4-7 and Cutler leads the league with 20 interceptions.

On Wednesday, the focus was more on Urlacher's comments. "He didn't have to apologize to him. I understand what he's talking about. It's frustrating. It's frustrating for everybody in that locker room. I know where he's coming from."

SEC: Tebow, Ingram place more emphasis on team honors

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both of whom have downplayed the personal significance of their game this week. It's hard to ignore for everyone else, though.

Tebow said the Heisman, which he won in 2007, is "kind of totally out of my mind frame."

"It's something that I'm not thinking about or worried about because our goal is to win the SEC championship, and that's our focus," he said. "Winning a Heisman Trophy would be special, and was special, and it does mean a lot. But not compared to winning an SEC title. They're two different things in my eyes, and the SEC is really my focus."

Ingram seconded that.

"It's a team sport," he said. "I've never seen a football game where one person has just done everything to win the game. I'm sure if he wants to win, his team is going to have to help him out and they're going to have a major contribution to what they do. And if we're going to win, my teammates are going to have a major contribution as well."

That's what happened in a 26-21 victory

over Auburn last week, when Ingram was swarmed by defenders just about every time he touched the ball.

He managed just 16 carries, 30 yards and one hip-pointer. Auburn entered the game with the nation's 88th-best run defense. Florida is eighth.

It was a rare performance for a back averaging nearly 129 yards a game against SEC defenses.

"He was the clear leader, and it's fascinating to me how the last few years the Heisman race can turn in the space of one weekend, much more so than it ever used to," Maisel said. He added that he felt Ingram and Gerhart have played more consistently than McCoy and Tebow.

"The performance last week, I'm sure people are talking that it hurt me," Ingram said. "But to me, all I care about is helping this team win. That's all that matters ultimately."

He did have an impact on the game. With Auburn focusing so much on stopping the run, quarterback Greg McElroy passed for 218 yards and two touchdowns.

Tebow enters Saturday's SEC title game

on a high note. He passed for 221 yards and ran for 90 against Florida State, accounting for five touchdowns. He also broke SEC career records for offensive yards and rushing touchdowns.

Tebow has led the Gators to 22 successive victories, and Ingram's Tide have won 24 consecutive regular-season games.

Tebow might need a repeat of last season's SEC title game to boost his Heisman hopes. He led the Gators to two fourthquarter touchdowns in a 31-20 victory.

"Having a quarterback that's been there and guided that team down for two fourth-quarter scores, that's a plus," Florida coach Urban Meyer said.

"But when the foot hits the ball on Saturday, that's all kind of out the window. You've got to play."

And play Tebow does. His ability to fire up the Gators has left an impression on Alabama players.

"I saw him a couple of times when the defense was going on the field, going and saying something to them, and then they go and get a three-and-out or a big sack," Tide linebacker Rolando McClain said.

"He's just a great leader."

Meyer said Tebow has been throwing the ball much better late in the season. He has had a pass-efficiency rating of at least 166 in five of the past six games. For context, his season rating of 160.7 ranks fifth nationally.

"I think protection's better, too," Meyer said. "It's all tied together. Whenever you throw a ball, you've got several different components. It all starts with protection, then you've got timing between the quarterback and receivers. It's just better and everybody's healthy."

Like Ingram, Tebow faces a huge challenge against a Tide team that leads the nation in pass-defense efficiency. Alabama has racked up 19 interceptions and allowed only eight touchdown passes.

It should be hard for either to put up huge numbers.

Tebow has lined up one vote, if only of confidence.

"That's our leader, that's our quarterback," Gators defensive tackle Omar Hunter said. "He should win the Heisman. He's the best player in college football."

College basketball roundup

Bedeviled by Badgers

Wisconsin knocks off No. 6 Duke; Big 10 tops ACC

By Colin Fly

MADISON, Wis. - Even after the game, Trevon Hughes had all the answers.

Hughes scored 19 of his 26 points in the second half Wednesday night as Wisconsin beat No. 6 Duke 73-69, snapping the Blue Devils' perfect mark in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

The Big Ten's never won, and I think we won it?" teammate Keaton Nankivil asked.

There was Hughes, right on cue: "Yeah, and the first time Duke lost.'

With Illinois' 76-74 victory over Clemson and Ohio State's 77-64 defeat of Florida State in the final game, the Big Ten won the 11year series for the first time, 6-5.

"I'm proud to be a part of the conference when they win something," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said. "We're in it to try to win it."

It was especially sweet for the Badgers (5-1), who never trailed and got a measure of payback against Duke (6-1) after being routed 82-58 two years ago in a challenge game at Durham, N.C. Wisconsin ended Duke's 10-game winning streak in the annual event and helped end the ACC's 10-0 mark as well.

"It's a point of pride to know that we had something to do with that in a game a lot of people probably didn't think we were going to win," Nankivil said. "It was pretty special."

Kyle Singler scored 17 of his 28 points in the first half for the Blue Devils and Andre Dawkins was 4-of-4 from three-point range in the second half to finish with 12.

Duke cut Wisconsin's 11-point lead with just more than 5 minutes left to 70-69 with 5.7 seconds to play on a tip-in by Singler.

Hughes hit two free throws to make it 72-69, and Singler's inbounds pass to Jon Scheyer was too hard and skipped away. Jordan Taylor's free throw provided the final margin.

Wisconsin committed only five

turnovers.
"That's five opportunities you didn't get a shot at the basket," Ryan said. "They had 11 opportunities that they didn't have to score. That might have been the difference in the game.

No. 1 Kansas 98, Alcorn State **31:** Cole Aldrich had 13 points and 16 rebounds, and Kansas (6-0) scored 36 straight points in the first half, one off the record set by Utah State against Idaho three vears ago.

Kansas tied a school record by forcing 30 turnovers.

Sherron Collins and Xavier Henry had 18 points each, and Thomas Robinson had 15 points and 10 rebounds as Kansas won its 46th straight at home.

Alcorn State (0-10) shot 23 percent in its second 60-point loss this season. JaMarkus Holt led Alcorn State with 10 points.

No. 3 Villanova 77, Drexel

58: Antonio Pena had 19 points and 11 rebounds, and Taylor King added 16 points as host Villanova overcame a sluggish start to win its 32nd straight at home.

Scottie Reynolds had 14 points, eight rebounds and six assists for the Wildcats (7-0), who are18-1 against the Dragons. Derrick Thomas scored 23 points and Chris Fouch 20 for Drexel (3-5).

No. 11 Tennessee 78, East Tennessee 66: Tyler Smith scored 15 points as host Tennessee held off scrappy East Tennessee. A steal and a fast-break layup by East Tennessee's Justin Tubbs with 15:52 left cut the Vols' lead to 42-39. Tennessee (6-1) answered with an 11-2 run, capped on a layup by Wayne Chism that boosted the lead to 53-41.

No. 14 Connecticut 92, Boston University 64: At Hartford. Conn., Jerome Dyson scored 22 points as Connecticut (5-1) bounced back from its first loss. Stanley Robinson had 16 points and Kemba Walker 15 for the Huskies (5-1).

No. 15 Ohio State 77, No. 21 Florida State 64: Evan Turner had 25 points and 13 rebounds and Jon Diebler added 22 points for host Ohio State (6-1). Solomon Alabi had 21 points for the Seminoles (6-2).



Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan wasn't registering surprise that his team knocked off No. 6 Duke 73-69 Wednesday night. On this occasion, he was reacting to a play.

No. 17 Gonzaga 74, Washington State 69: Matt Bouldin scored 28 points to help rally host Gonzaga from 13 points down. Elias Harris added 24 points and 12 rebounds for Gonzaga (6-1).

Illinois 76, No. 18 Clemson 74: Mike Tisdale hit the goahead jumper with 41 seconds left, then blocked David Potter's driving shot on Clemson's next possession as visiting Illinois (5-2) rallied from 23 down.

No. 19 Texas A&M 84, Prairie View A&M 59: Khris Middleton scored 17 points as host Texas A&M shook off a shaky start. Middleton hit consecutive threes during a surge late in the half that put the Aggies (6-1) in control.

The Aggies grabbed their first lead at 23-21 with 4:29 left in the first half. A&M built a 35-25 lead at the break, outscoring Prairie View 18-4 over the final 7:09.

No. 20 Louisville 80, Stetson 48: Jerry Smith broke out of a shooting slump to score 17

points for host Louisville. Samardo Samuels added 15 points and seven rebounds and Edgar Sosa had 15 points and five assists for the Cardinals (5-1).

No. 23 Butler 59, Ball State 38: Visiting Butler opened with a flurry of three-pointers, locked down on defense and rolled to its 14th consecutive victory over a fellow school from Indiana. Gordon Hayward had 15 points and eight rebounds for Butler (5-2).

No. 24 UNLV 74, Arizona 72 (2 OTs): Derrick Jasper's three-pointer with 1:39 left in the second overtime tied it and TreVon Willis' two free throws with 28 seconds left gave UNLV (6-0) the final lead over host Arizona (3-3).

Air Force 61, North Carolina Central 49: Grant Parker had 24 points and six rebounds as Air Force (4-1) dealt N.C. Central its fifth straight loss. Evan Washington scored 19 for Air Force, which shot 58.5 percent, (4-1), and Taylor Stewart had 13.

Portland falls to, uhh, Portland

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Portland waited 50 years to return to the national rankings. The Pilots' stay in the Top 25 probably won't

Dominic Waters scored 21 of his 23 points in the second half and Portland State rallied for an 86-82 victory over No. 25 Portland in the Pilots' first game as a ranked team since 1959.

The Vikings (2-4) have won four straight over crosstown rival Portland (5-2), which was ranked for three weeks in the 1958-59 season.

"It's a grind," Portland coach Eric Reveno said. "To be a really good basketball team, consistently, is just really hard.'

The Pilots jumped into the national spotlight with a 27-point rout of UCLA in the first round of the 76 Classic, then beat then-No. 22 Minnesota in the semifinals. The Pilots lost in the final to No. 7 West Virginia. All that got the attention of Portland State.

'Our guys took a little bit of pride in it (playing a ranked team). Plus, we had beaten them the last three years, and we're a pretty good team, too," said coach Tyler Geving, in his first season at the helm of a Portland State team



GREG WAHL-STEPHENS/AP

Portland's Robin Smeulders (12) looks to shoot against Portland State's Phillip Thomas (13) during the first half of Wednesday night's game.

that played in the NCAA tournament the previous two years.

Portland State shot 60 percent (15-of-25) on threes to Portland's 38 percent (6-of-16).

"You're tough to defend when you can shoot it like that. And then that opens the inside game, Geving said.

Portland led 74-62 with 9:20 left, but Portland State reeled off 10 straight points, including consecutive threes by Waters and Paul Guede, to quickly trim the deficit to 74-72.

Portland State took the lead at 81-80 on Waters' three-pointer with 3 minutes remaining

The Vikings pushed the lead to 85-82 on two free throw by Waters with 22 seconds left. Portland had a chance to tie but Nik Raivio's three-point attempt from the corner was off the mark.

Robin Smeulders led Portland with 20 points and nine rebounds. Raivio added 17 points, 15 in the first half, and topped 1,000 points for his career at Portland. Portland State stayed in the game with threes. The Vikings hit 10of-14 from beyond the arc in the first half, with Melvin Jones hitting five of six.

With Waters, a senior point guard, struggling, Portland State found itself down 52-46 at halftime, but Geving hardly seemed worried. "I just told them to keep competing," he said. "Six points is nothing in a game like this."



2009-10 PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL OVERVIEW

Team capsules

Class AA

South Korea
Seoul American Falcons
Yongsan Garrison, South Korea
2008-09-41-11, 16-0 Korean-American
Interscholastic Activities Conference Division I (champion), third in 2008-09 Far
East Class AA Tournament.
Coach-Steve Boyd, eighth season.
Key returners—Deion Craig, So., F; Daryl Craig, J.r., F; Antoine Daniels, So., PG-SG; Eric Williams, Sr., SG; Adrian Thomas,
Jr., PG.

SG; Eric Williams, Sr., SG; Adrian Thomas, Jr., PG.

Key newcomers—Carl Lidstrom, Sr., F; Michael Riycan, Sr., F; Michael Rivera, So., F; Abe Nelson, Sr., G; Malcom Home, Sr.

Outlook—Reloading, Perennial KAIAC and Class AA title contender lost an extremely experienced group from last season. This team has more of a learning curve than past groups, but will still be fast, quick, with an uptempo gameplan that stresses defense, teamwork and speed. and speed.

and speed.

Okinawa
Kadena Panthers
Kadena Alr Base, Okinawa
2008-09-31-14, 10-2 vs. Japanese high
schools, 4-0 vs. Kubasaki in Okinawa Activities Council season series; sixth in
Far East Class AA Tournament.
Coach-Robert Bliss, seventh season.
Key returners—Stanley Schrock, Sr.,
Keyin Paranal, Sr., F; Taiyo Robertson, Sr.,
G; Corey Hankerson, So., G; L.J. Hubbard,
Sr., G.

Key newcomers—Jeremy Howell, Sr., Jason Sumpter, Jr., F; Skylar Warren,

F; Jason Sumpter, Jr., r, Saylar Watter, Jr., F-G.

Outlook—Contending, contending, contending, May be the most balanced team Bliss has ever had at Kadena, with Robertson and Hubbard bombing from deep, Sumpter and Howell pounding inside and Paranal's and Schrock's all-around play. Good bet for a deep Far East run.

Kubasaki Dragons

Camp Foster, Okinawa

2008-09—12-22, 6-4 vs. Japanese high schools, 0-4 vs. Kadena in OAC season series.

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Coach-Jon Fick, fourth season.

Key returners—Kai Yamaguchi, Jr., G; Dionte Waite, Sr., G-F; DaShawn Johnson, Sr., G; Michael Bowdry, Sr., G; Kentrell Key, Jr., F; Lee Taylor, Sr., G; Sary Whita-ker, So., G-F.

Key newcomers—A.J. Watson, So., G; B.J. Simmons, So., G; Ryan Jackson, So., G; Siada Harris, Sr., F; Richard Evans, Sr., G.

Outlook—Reloading-contending. Not in the same class as Kadena's loaded squad, but one of those now-and-later teams that possesses plenty of firepower to contend for a Class AA Final Four berth now and enough underclassmen to sustain it in future years.

Japan

Zama American Trojans

Camp Zama/Atsugi Naval Air Facility,

2008-09—16-12, 2-7 Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools (fifth), 6-6 Japan Basketball League (fourth), 9th in Far East tournament for second straight year.

Coach-Tom Allensworth, 15th season.

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Key returners—Michael Jorgenson, So., C; Tevin Johnson, Sr., PF; Stephen Venzslauskas, Sr., SG; Jonathan Neyland,

Jr., SF.
Outlook—Rebuilding, "If we can play
defense and can develop a point guard,
we'll be competitive," Allensworth said.
"Lack of an experienced backcourt has
hurt us so far."

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Yokota Panthers
Yokota Air Base, Japan
2008-09-33-2, 12-0 Kanto (champion),
12-1 JBL (champion); Far East tournament runner-up.
Coach-Paul Ettl, seventh season.
Key returners-DeEric Harvin, Sr., G;
Antony Phillips, Sr., C; Bradley Forbes,
Sr., F.
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Sr., F.

Key newcomers—Jordan Herrera, Jr.;
Daniel Rendon, Jr.; Warren Manegan, So.,
G; Byron Wrenn, Jr., F.
Outlook-Yokota considers itself "always contending, especially on our
home court," Ettl said. Plenty of players
familiar with Ettl's system, but Panthers
are sorely lacking in height, which might
hurt come tournament time.



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Gary Whitaker, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, is one of seven players returning for Okinawa's Kubasaki Dragons boys basketball team.

Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan

Vokosuka Naval Base, Japan 2008-09-25-13, 74 Kanto (second), 9-4 JBL (second); 14th in Far East Class AA tournament.

Coach—Michael Adair, third season.

Key returners—Taylor Myers, Sr., F. Devin Lewis, Sr., G; Josh Adair, Jr., G-F. Steven Horton, Sr., PG-SG; Travis Smoak, Sr., SG-PG; David Deadmon, Sr., F-C; Michael O'Brien, Sr., SF-PF.

Outlook—Reloading. Six of the Red Devils have played ball, gone to school and lived in the same neighborhoods since their kindergarten days. Not as much size as last year, but very coachable, "something I've not had before," Adair said.

Class A

South Korea
Osan American Cougars
Osan Air Base, South Korea
2008-09-12-11, 7-7 KAIAC Division I

-Kevin Peterson, first season.

Coach—Kevin Peterson, IIrst season. Key returners—Billy Bortscheller, Jr., G; Dominic Olivero, Jr., F; Nathan Balde-via, Jr., G. Key newcomers—Josh Hanks, Jr., G-F; Dominique Williams, Jr., PG-SG; Jeff Tin-sley, Jr., F.

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Outlook — The mother of all rebuilding jobs. Totally new team. Bortscheller lone returner from varsity that saw seven players graduate or transfer. Baldevia and Olivero played JV ball last season and saw some playing time in Far East tournament. "I like the attitude of this team," Peterson said.

Daegu American Warriors

Z008-09—18-14, 8-5 KAIAC Division I (third); Far East tournament third place.

Coach—Phillip Loyd, fourth season.

Key returners—Khiry Loyd, Sr., PG: David Martinez, Sr., SG; Antoine "Flash" Feagin, Sr., G.

Key newcomers—Chris Swain, Sr., G

(transfer from Seoul American); Josh Gosserand, Sr., F; Tre Griffin, Jr., G; Darius

(transfer from Seoul American); Josh Gosserand, Sr., F; Tre Griffin, Jr., G; Darius Wyche, Jr., PG.

Outlook-Contending, contending, contending, Perhaps the best ingredients in any Warriors team since the last Class A tournament title in 1990. "If the seniors produce at a high level, this will be one for the ages," Loyd says.

Japan

EJ. King Cobras

Sasebo Naval Base, Japan

2008-09-11-16, 1-10 JBL (sixth); sixth in Far East Class A Tournament.

Coach-Mike Milling, second season.

Key returners—Ryan Wagner, So., G; R.J. Altares, Sr., G; Steven Cordero, Sr., G.

Key newcomer—Christian Jarrard, Sr., G (transfer from Stuttgart, Germany).

Outlook—Rebuilding, again. Milling lost all but three players due to graduations or transfers. "Looking for some good things" out of Jarrard, Milling said.

Matthew C. Perry Samurai

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan
2008-09-9-18, 1-9 JBL (fifth).
Coach-Chris Clark, second season.

Key returners—Chase Dariso, So., G; John Ayers, Sr., F.

Outlook—Reloading. Samurai return eight players from a season ago. Height is lacking, but "we plan to contend every night (and) be in the mix come Far East time," Clark said.

Robert D. Edgren Eagles

Misawa Air Base, Japan

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Key returners—John Benavidez, Sr., G; Jacob Sterry, So., F; Gerald Atkinson, Sr., F; Christian Weldon, Jr., C.

Key newcomers—Jocquez Butler, Fr., G Jack Koch, Jr.

Outlook—Reloading-contending in Class A. Starting lineup features plenty of experience. Eagles' title hopes should be bolstered by again playing on their home court.

Daegu ready for next step

Warriors expect to contend for KAIAC, Far East titles

By Dave Ornauer Stars and Stripes

After two years of near misses and heartbreaks, Daegu American's boys basketball team stands at the cusp of doing something it's not done in a long time - 20 years, in fact.

Coach Phillip Loyd believes his Warriors finally have what it takes to put themselves over the top and capture Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference and Far East Class A tournament titles for the first time since the 1989-90 season.

This after the Warriors posted back-to-back fourth-place finishes in KAIAC tournaments, and coming in sixth in the Class A tournament in 2008 and third last year. Sort of like coming back to the dining-room table, rubbing hands and demanding the whole roast instead of just a taste, Loyd

"Most of the guys who were there experienced what it was like to be in that position," said Loyd, in his fourth year as Daegu coach. "Once you've reached that level, it gives you a new maturity, and that's where they are now smart players looking to engage in the fight again."

The Warriors, along with four other Class A schools in Japan and Korea and seven Class AA teams in Japan, Korea, Guam and Okinawa, begin the chase for Far East glory in earnest this weekend with full game slates.

On paper, the Warriors appear to have the key ingredients, experience, quickness and some height, though the roster is heavily guard-laden.

Antoine Feagin, David Martinez, Khiry Loyd and Chris Swain bring veteran senior leadership to the backcourt, while varsity newcomers Tre Griffin and Darius Wyche provide depth. And though not 6 feet 7 inches tall, as was departed Drew Snowden (graduation), Josh Gosserand brings a big-player presence inside.

Despite losing all four games in a post-level tournament at Camp Walker over Thanksgiving weekend, Loyd said he was impressed with how the team grew with each game.

"They found the obstacles, surmounted the obstacles and played good ball despite playing grown men," Loyd said.

The keys, Loyd said, are playing to their potential and holding it together as a team. Should that happen, both KAIAC and Class A titles are "very definitely possible."

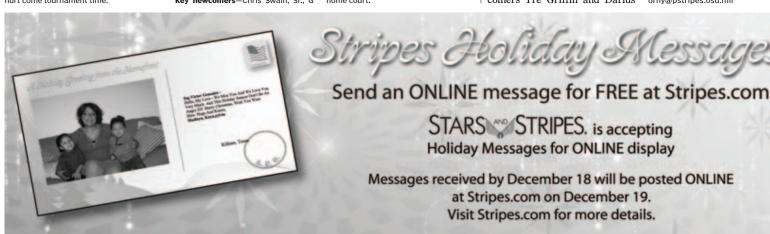
"This team is designed to peak at Far East," Loyd said. "We'll use the season as a learning experience, but the two goals are KAIAC and Far East. We've been in the semifinals; there's no reason we shouldn't be in the finals."

Also seeking a return trip, and fighting a similar bout of title hunger, is last year's Class AA runner-up Yokota. The Panthers came within a missed desperation buzzer shot of capturing their first Class AA title last February, losing 38-36 to St. Mary's International on their home court.

But this is a Yokota team vastly different from a season ago, when it sported a solid inside-outside game with point guard Tajh Kirby and center Keron Brown The tallest player on coach Paul Ettl's roster is Antony Phillips, a 5-11 senior who will play center.

"We'll have to find another style of play. We're not going to be the team we were last year," Ettl said. "This team is going to have to find its own personality and road to success."

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NBA roundup

'Z' sets record; **Cavs block Suns**

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As 20,000 fans filled the arena with the droning sound of his nickname. Cavaliers center Zydrunas Ilgauskas choked back tears.

The big man, known simply as "Z," finally had his moment.

"That was one of the coolest

things I've experienced in my life," he said.

Ilgauskas, who overcame severe foot injuries early in his career to become an All-Star center, scored 14 points and set a Cleveland team record for games played, and Shaquille O'Neal scored 12 as the Cavaliers dismantled Shaq's former team with a 107-90 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night.

LeBron James just missed a triple-double as the Cavs handed the Suns their second straight lopsided loss.

Ilgauskas, forced to accept a backup role when the Cavs acquired O'Neal, became the team's career leader with 724 games played — finally. He had been expected to surpass former teammate and general manager Danny Ferry on Saturday against Dallas, but was never put in the game by coach Mike Brown.

The snub angered James, who called out Brown in support of his teammate.

When Ilgauskas checked in with 3:50 left in the first quarter, Cleveland fans broke into deaf-ening chants of "ZZZZZZ" and gave the team's career leader in rebounds and blocks an extended standing ovation that began as soon as the 7-foot-3 center began peeling off his warmups.

"That's the closest I've ever come to tears on the basketball floor." Ilgauskas said.

Ilgauskas stoically stood in front of his locker after the game. He didn't field any questions and apologized to reporters for not being available since Saturday's puzzling benching.

"Obviously, I was very disappointed I didn't play in the last game," he said. "I know I'm a good player. It made me more disappointed and upset with acts that followed and this whole mess that has been created. I'm not going to go into any details. I'm going to be a bigger man and walk away from this. I know when I go to bed at night my conscience is clear.

'I love this team. I love my teammates. They are like a family to me. I'm going to come every day to work and try my hardest. Hopefully we can win a championship for this city because they deserve it. It has not been an easy ordeal."

Brown, who said Tuesday that he wished he would have handled Saturday's game differently, sidestepped the issue before the game. Afterward, team owner Dan Gilbert released a statement in which he said Ilgauskas had asked that his milestone not be acknowledged during the game.

"It is fitting that Z broke the record for most games played in a Cavaliers uniform," Gilbert said. "His journey to this point has been remarkable in many ways and we all have a great deal of respect and admiration for what Z has accomplished."

O'Neal was proud to share in Ilgauskas' big night.

"I don't consider him my backup," he said. "I consider him my

James finished with 12 points, 10 assists, eight rebounds and another chase-down block of Suns guard Jason Richardson, whom he victimized last season.

It was the second straight blowout for the Suns, who were throttled 126-99 by the Knicks on Tuesday night.

Magic 118, Knicks 104: Rashard Lewis scored 17 of his 20 points in host Orlando's 41point third quarter.

Dwight Howard added 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, which has nine victories in its past ten games.

Rockets 102, Clippers 85: At Los Angeles, Aaron Brooks made his first eight shots and finished with 22 points.

Chase Budinger added 19 points for Houston.

The Clippers were led by Al Thornton's 19 points.

Wizards 104, Bucks 102: At Washington, Earl Boykins scored 11 of his 13 points in the final 10 minutes, including the winning free throws with a second left.

Thunder 117, 76ers 106: Philadelphia slumped to its eighth straight loss, beaten by host Oklahoma City.

Kevin Durant scored 33 points and Jeff Green added 19 for the Thunder.

Kings 110, Pacers 105: Host Sacramento won its fourth straight, taking a tight contest against Indiana.

Tyreke Evans scored 26 points and Jason Thompson added 22 points for the Kings, who were 7for-10 from three-point range in the second half.

Danny Granger made six threepointers and scored 33 points for the Pacers, who have lost three straight.

Bulls 92, Pistons 85: At Chicago, the hosts snapped a fivegame losing skid by prevailing in a defensive showdown.

John Salmons scored 22 points, and Derrick Rose added 19 for the Bulls.

Detroit's Ben Gordon made his return against his old team. Gordon, who led the Bulls in scoring the previous four seasons before signing with Detroit, scored 18 points on 6-for-16 shooting.

Grizzlies 97, Timberwolves 95: At Minneapolis, Mike Conley scored a season-high 20 points to lift Memphis to a narrow victory.

Rudy Gay scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half for the

NBA scoreboard

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Toronto	7	13	.350	8					
Philadelphia	5	14	.263	91/2					
New York	4	15	.211	101/2					
New Jersey	0	18	.000	14					
Southeast Division									
Orlando	15	4	.789	_					
Atlanta	13	5	.722	11/2					
Miami	10	7	.588	4					
Charlotte	7	10	.412	7					
Washington	7	10	.412	7					
Central Division									
Cleveland	13	5	.722	_					
Milwaukee	9	8	.529	31/2					
Chicago	7	9	.438	5					
Indiana	6	10	.375	6					
Detroit	6	12	.333	7					

Western Conference

Southwest Division										
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Dallas	14	5	.737	_						
San Antonio	9	6	.600	3						
Houston	10	8	.556	31/2						
New Orleans	7	11	.389	61/2						
Memphis	7	12	.368	7						
Northwest Division										
Denver	13	5	.722	_						
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Utah	10	7	.588	21/2						
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Boston 108, Charlotte 90										
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New York 126, Phoenix 99
Denver 135, Golden State 107
Miami 107, Portland 100
L.A. Lakers 110, New Orleans 99
Washington 104, Milwaukee 102
Orlando 118, New York 104
Cleveland 107, Phoenix 90
Atlanta 146, Toronto 115
Dallas 117, New Jersey 101
Oklahoma City 117, Philadelphia 106
Chicago 92, Detroit 85
Memphis 97, Minnesota 95
Sacramento 110, Indiana 105
Houston 102, La. Clippers 85
Thursday's games
Boston at San Antonio
Houston at Golden State
Miami at Denver
Friday's games
Toronto at Washington
New York at Atlanta
Charlotte at New Jersey
Dallas at Memphis
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Wednesday Rockets 102, Clippers 85

Rockets 102, Clippers 85

HOUSTON — Battier 3-6 0-0 8, Scola 411 0-0 8, Hayes 0-3 2-2 2, Brooks 9-11 1-1
22, Ariza 7-16 0-0 16, Budinger 6-9 4-4 19,
Lowry 4-9 2-2 11, Landry 3-5 4-5 10, Andersen 2-5 1-3 6. Totals 38-75 14-17 102.

LA. CLIPPERS — Thornton 6-12 7-8
19, Camby 4-6 1-2 9, Kaman 5-16 0-0 10,
B.Davis 8-17 3-3 20, Butler 4-9 2-2 10, Telfair 2-6 2-2 6, R.Davis 1-4 1-2 3, Smith 4-5
0-0 8, Jordan 0-0 0-0 0, Novak 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-75 16-19 85.

Houston 27 25 24 26-102
LA. Clippers 26 26 20 13-85
Three-Point Goals—Houston 12-23
(Brooks 3-4, Budinger 3-4, Battier 2-4, Ariza 2-6, Andersen 1-2, Lowry 1-3),
L.A. Clippers 1-14 (B.Davis 1-7, R.Davis
0-1, Kaman 0-1, Butler 0-2, Telfair 0-3).
Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 0-1, Kaman 0-1, Butter 0-2, Tertair 0-3, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 43 (Scola 7), L.A. Clippers 41 (Camby 19), Assists—Houston 20 (Brooks 5), L.A. Clippers 18 (B.Davis 6). Total Fouls—Houston 18, L.A. Clippers 16. Technicals—Houston defensive three second, L.A. Clippers defensive three second. A.—13,836 (19,060).

Kings 110, Pacers 105

NINGS 11U, FACERS 1UJ
INDIANA — Granger 10-24 7-9 33, Murphy 5-11 2-2 13, Hibbert 3-8 1-1 7, Ford 0-4
0-0 0, D.Jones 7-12 2-2 16, Foster 3-7 0-1
6, Dunleavy 3-7 0-0 6, Watson 6-11 3-4 15,
Hansbrough 3-7 2-4 8, Rush 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 40-92 18-25 105.
SACRAMENTO — Nocioni 5-11 0-0 13,
Thompson 9-17 4-5 22, Hawes 9-14 0-2
21, Evans 7-14 12-14 26, Greene 1-3 0-0 2,
Casspi 3-4 3-4 10, Udoka 1-4 0-0 2, Udrih
4-8 0-9, Brockman 0-2 0-0 0, Rodriguez
2-4 0-05. Totals 41-81 19-25 110.

Casspi 3-4 3-4 10, douba 1-4 0-2 2 0-10, Rodriguez 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 41-81 19-25 110. Indiana 33 24 24 24-105 Sacramento 30 30 28 22-110 Three-Point Goals-Indiana 7-22 (Granger 6-11, Murphy 1-4, Hansbrough 0-1, Watson 0-1, Ford 0-1, Dunleavy 0-2, D.Jones 0-2), Sacramento 9-18 (Hawes 3-4, Nocioni 3-5, Rodriguez 1-1, Casspi 1-1, Udrih 1-2, Greene 0-1, Udoka 0-2, Evans 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 57 (Foster 18), Sacramento 48 (Hawes 7). Assists—Indiana 12 (Murphy, Foster 3), Sacramento 28 (Evans 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 26, Sacramento 23. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second 2. A—10,021 (17,317).



The Cleveland Cavaliers' Zydrunas Ilgauskas scores over the Phoenix Suns' Steve Nash in the third quarter Wednesday night in Cleveland. Ilgauskas, whose career was nearly ended by severe foot injuries, became the team's career leader with 724 games played. The Cavaliers beat the Suns 107-90.

Bulls 92, Pistons 85

Dulls 92., FISTORS 63
DETROIT — Jerebko 3-4 1-2 7, Maxiell
3-7 0-1 6, Wallace 0-4 0-0 0, Atkins 1-6 0-0
3, Stuckey 4-16 9-11 17, Gordon 6-16 4-5
18, Bynum 4-9 2-2 10, Brown 3-6 4-8 10, Wilcox 4-5 1-2 9, Daye 2-5 0-0 5, Summers
0-0 0-0 1. Totals 30-78 21-31 8S.
CHICAGO — Deng 5-15 4-6 14, Gibson
4-6 1-2 9, Noah 3-8 1-3 7, Rose 6-9 7-9 19, Salmons 7-12 5-6 22, Miller 6-12 4-4 16, Hunter 0-1 0-0, Pargo 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 33-69 22-30 92.

33-69 22-30 92. Detroit 10 28 19 28-85

Grizzlies 97, Timberwolves 95

MEMPHIS — Gay 7-14 6-8 20, Randolph 8-17 4-5 20, Gasol 1-4 6-8 8, Conley 8-12 0-0 20, Mayo 4-15 7-9 17, Tinsley 0-1 0-0 0, Young 6-12 0-0 12, Thabeet 0-0 0-2 0, Car-

7011 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-75 23-32 97.

MINNESOTA — Wilkins 5-9 3-4 14.

Gomes 8-13 2-3 20, Jefferson 4-13 4-4 12,

Flynn 5-12 1-2 12, Brewer 1-3 1-2 3, Hollins

1-3 0-0 2, Ellington 4-8 0-0 8, Sessions 7-2

2-6 16, Pavlovic 0-0 0-0 0, Jawai 2-4 4-4 8,

Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-74 17-25 95.

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Memphis 22 25 30 20-97

Minnesota 28 27 18 22-95

Three-Point Goals—Memphis 6-1,
Conley 4-7, Mayo 2-4, Tinsley 0-1, Randolph 0-1, Young 0-1, Gay 0-3), Minnesota 4-10 (Gomes 2-3, Wilkins 1-2, Flynn 1-4, Ellington 0-1). Fouled Out—None.

Rebounds—Memphis 47 (Randolph 10),
Minnesota 48 (Jefferson 9). Assists—
Memphis 18 (Mayo 5), Minnesota 21

(Flynn 9). Total Fouls—Memphis 18, Minnesota 28, A-11,408 (19,356).

Thunder 117, 76ers 106

HINDREY 111, / OGES 1U0

PHILADELPHIA — Iguodala 8-15 9-9 28,
Young 8-14 2-2 20, Dalembert 1-4 0-0 2,
Holiday 6-11 0-0 15, W.Green 5-7 2-2 14,
Brand 4-11 5-6 13, Ivey 1-1 0-0 3, Kapono
3-9 0-9 9, Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Carney 0-0 0-0 0.
Totals 37-74 18-19 106.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Durant 10-21 8-8
33, J.Green 8-16 0-1 19, Krstic 5-6 2-2 18,
Westbrook 1-11 5-6 7, Sefolosha 5-9 0-0
12, Harden 3-7 2-2 9, Ibaka 1-2 0-0 2, Wilks
2-4 0-2 5, Collison 8-9 2-2 18, Totals 43-85

2-4 0-2 5, Collison 8-9 2-2 18. Totals 43-85 19-23 117.

Philadelphia 33 22 27 24-106

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Oklahoma City 29 25 34 29–117
Three-Point Goals—Philadelphia 1423 (Iguodala 3-5, Kapono 3-6, Holiday
3-6, WGreen 2-2, Young 2-3, Ivey 1-1),
Oklahoma City 12-24 (Durant 5-7, J.Green
3-6, Sefolosha 2-3, Wilks 1-1, Harden 13, Collison 0-1, Westbrook 0-3). Fouled
Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 34
(Dalembert, Iguodala 6), Oklahoma City
50 (Collison 7). Assists—Philadelphia 16
(W.Green 6), Oklahoma City 25 (Westbrook 15). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 22,
Oklahoma City 16. A—17,332 (18,203).

Mavericks 117, Nets 101

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DALLAS — Marion 4-6 4-4 12, Nowitzki
9-15 5-5 24, Dampier 7-10 4-6 18, Kidd 5-6
4-4 16, Beaubois 3-5 0-0 6, Gooden 2-6 0-6
4-4 16, Beaubois 3-5 0-0 6, Gooden 2-6 0-7
4, Terry 7-10 2-2 18, Thomas 4-7 0-0 10,
Barea 2-6 2-2 7, Humphries 1-2 0-0 2, Singleton 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 4-75 2-125 117.

NEW JERSEY — Hassell 2-5 3-3 7, Boone 2-10-04 Coper 2-6 12-31 6, Harris 5-10-817, Douglas-Roberts 10-21 4-4 24, Lee 5-14 1-2 13, Simmons 4-7 0-10, T.Williams 3-8-1-2 8, Se. Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 34-77 27-32 101.

Dallas 28 49 28 12-117

New Jersey 28 22 28 23-101

Three-Point Goals—Dallas 8-18 (Kidd 2-2, Thomas 2-3, Terry 2-4, Barea 1-2, Nowitzki 1-4, Singleton 0-1, Beaubois 0-2), New Jersey 6-18 (Simmons 2-2, Lee 2-7, T.Williams 1-3, Harris 1-5, Douglas-Roberts 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 47 (Dampier 11), New Jersey 36 (Lee, Lopez 6). Assists—Dallas 92 (Kidd 10), New Jersey 16 (T.Williams 6). Total Fouls—Dallas 24, New Jersey 16. A-11,689 (18,974).

Hawks 146, Raptors 115

TORONTO — Turkoglu 4-6 2-2 13, Bosh 0-2 2-4 2, Bargnani 5-9 2-4 13, Calderon 4-6 2-2 13, DeRozan 6-11 9-12 21, A.Johnson 4-6 1-2 9, Jack 3-7 1-2 8, Weems 3-11 1-4 7, Nesterovic 3-7 0-0 6, Belinelli 7-13 0-0 16, Mensah-Bonsu 3-4 1-2 7, Totals 42-82 21-34 115.

16, Mensah-Bonsu 3-4 1-2 7, Totals 42-82
21-34 115.

ATLANTA — Williams 5-9 2-4 15, Jos.
Smith 5-7 6-6 16, Horford 10-12 4-5 24,
Bibby 4-4 0-1 12, J.Johnson 5-11 2-2 12,
Crawford 5-10 4-4 16, Pachulia 4-7 3-7
11, Teague 3-8 6-6 13, J. Smith 5-7 2-2 12,
M.Evans 4-7 0-0 9, Morris 2-4 2-2 6, Collins
0-2 0-0 1. Totals 52-88 31-39 146.
Toronto 26 28 30 31-115
Atlanta 33 42 39 32-146
Three-Point Goals—Toronto 10-16
(Calderon 3-3, Turkoglu 3-4, Belinelli 2-4,
Jack 1-2, Bargnani 1-2, Weems 0-1),
Atlanta 11-21 (Bibby 4-4, Williams 3-5,
Crawford 2-5, Teague 1-2, M.Evans 1-3,
JJohnson 0-2). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds—Toronto 38 (A.Johnson 7), Atlanta 59 (Pachulia 8). Assists—Toronto 25
(Jack 8), Atlanta 37 (I.Johnson 11), Total
Fouls—Toronto 24, Atlanta 26. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second.
A—12,272 (18,729).

Magic 118, Knicks 104

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NEW YORK — Gallinari 5-14 8-10 20, Chandler 10-18-3-3 24, Lee 4-61-29, Duhon 3-6 0-0 8, Hughes 2-9 0-0 5, Harrington 5-10 3-3 14, Jeffries 1-3 0-12, Douglas 7-11 1-217, Landry 1-5 0-0 3, Hill 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 3-84 16-10 0-9 Pietrus 6-10 0-0 17, Lewis 6-8 3-3 20, Howard 6-7 7-10 19, Williams 4-9 0-8, Carter 4-14 2-2 10, Barnes 5-8 2-3 12, Anderson 2-5 2-2 6, Redick 1-2 3-4 5, Gortat 1-1 0-0 2, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2, Bass 7-12 3-6 17, Totals 43-78 22-30 118.

New York 23 16 31 34-104

Orlando Three-Point Goals New York 10-24 (Duhon 2-3, Gallinari 2-5, Douglas 2-5, Landry 1-1, Harrington 1-2, Hughes 1-3, Chandler 1-4, Jeffries 0-1), Orlando 10-30 (Lewis 5-7, Pietrus 5-8, Redick 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Williams 0-2, Barnes 0-2, Anderson 0-3, Carter 0-6). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds—New York 41 (Gallinari 7), Orlando 52 (Lewis 11). Assists—New York 15 (Hughes, Gallinari 3), Orlando 26 (Carter, Williams 5). Total fouls—New York 23, Orlando 22. Technicals—Orlando delay of game. A—17,461 (17,461).

Cavaliers 107, Suns 90

PHOENIX — Hill 4-9 4-4 12, Stoudemire 5-14 4-4 14, Frye 9-17 0-0 22, Nash 5-12 2-2 14, Richardson 2-11 0-0 6, Lopez 0-3 2-2 2, Dudley 2-6 1-2 6, Dragic 5-6 3-5 14, Clark 0-2 0-0 0, Collins 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 32-80 16-

10.2 0-0 0, Collins 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 32-80 16-21 90.

CLEVELAND — James 6-15 0-0 12, Hickson 6-7 1-2 13, O'Neal 5-10 2-5 12, M.Williams 4-12 1-1 11, Parker 4-7 0-0 10, Varejao 4-12 1-2 9, Ilgaukas 6-10 2-2 14, Gibson 3-6 2-2 10, West 4-8 0-0 8, Moon 3-6 2-2 8, Jackson 0-0 0-0, Green 0-0 0-0 . Totals 45-93 11-16 107.

Phoenix 14 15 29 32 90.

Cleveland 33 24 22 28-107

Three-Point Goals—Phoenix 10-23 (Frye 4-9, Nash 2-3, Richardson 2-6, Dragic 1-1, Dudley 1-2, Hill 0-2), Cleveland 6-22 (Gibson 0-3, Parker 2-5, M.Williams 2-8, Moon 0-3, James 0-3). Rebounds—Phoenix 48 (Stoudemire 12), Cleveland 58 (O'Neal 9). Assists—Phoenix 21 (Dragic, Nash 5), Cleveland 9 (James 10). Total Fouls—Phoenix 15, Cleveland 18. Technicals—Stoudemire, Varejao. A—20,562.

Wizards 104, Bucks 102

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MILWAUKEE — Delfino 4-10 0-0 9, Ilyasova 4-7 0-2 9, Bogut 4-14 0-0 8, Jennings 7-21 1-2 17, Bell 6-11 0-0 15, Ridnour 9-16 0-0 20, Warrick 6-9 8-8 20, Thomas 1-4 0-0 2, Meeks 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 42-95 9-12 102.

WASHINGTON — Butler 4-10 7-10 15, Jamison 5-8 3-4 15, Haywood 4-5 0-1 8, Arenas 10-24 1-2 22, Young 7-12 7-7 21, Boykins 3-5 7-10 13, Blatche 5-5 0-0 10, Foye 0-1 0-0 0, Oberto 0-0 0-0 0, McGuire 0-0 0-0 0, Stevenson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-70 25-34 104.

Milwaukee 22 32 26 22-102 Washington 26 24 29 25-104 Three-Point Goals—Milwaukee 9-27 (Bell 3-5, Ridnour 2-6, Jennings 2-8, Ilyasova 1-2, Delfino 1-4, Meeks 0-2), Washington 3-10 (Jamison 2-3, Arenas 1-6, Young 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 46 (Delfino 8), Washington 51 (Haywood 14). Assists—Milwaukee 23 (Jennings 7), Washington 18. Technicals—Milwaukee 27 (Arenas 9). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 27, Washington 18. Technicals—Milwaukee Coach Skiles 2, Milwaukee defouls—Haywood, Ejected—Milwaukee Coach Skiles. A—12,272 (20,173).

Another Net loss and a gross record

New Jersey hits new low; 0-18 is worst start ever

By Brian Mahoney
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — They are off to the worst start in NBA history, and the New Jersey Nets might not have hit bottom yet.

"There's going to be a few more weeks of adjustment, unfortunately," outgoing interim coach Tom Barrise said.

How much lower can they get?

New Jersey was pounded into NBA infamy Wednesday night, falling 117-101 to the Dallas Mavericks for its 18th straight loss to start the season.

The Mavericks made 17 of 19 shots and opened a 27-point lead in a nearly flawless second period, burying the Nets early in former New Jersey captain Jason Kidd's second trip back to his old home.

The Nets passed the 1988-89 Miami Heat and 1999 Los Angeles Clippers, who both dropped their first 17 games. New Jersey's next chance to end the streak comes Friday at home against Charlotte.

"I think what happens is you know it wears on you," Barrise said. "It's not a two-game losing streak. We play four games a week in this league and it's every day and every other day, and you know you hear it and you start to feel it a little bit."

Dallas shot 81 percent in the first half, the first NBA team to make 80 percent of its shots in a half since the Denver Nuggets hit 82 percent against the Clippers on April 4 2006 according to STATS LLC.

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"At this point, I feel the streak has definitely gotten the best of us. It's really not starting to get to us now," guard Chris Douglas-Roberts said. "So when a team goes on a run, we kind of, it's almost like we give up, which is really unfortunate but that's what it looks like to me. We kind of give up and just lay down instead of trying to fight."

The NBA record for longest skid during a season is 23 games, shared by the Memphis Grizzlies and Nuggets.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points and Kidd had 16 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

From left to right, Nets Josh Boone, Sean Williams and Devin Harris sit on the bench during the fourth quarter of New Jersey's loss to Dallas on Wednesday. It was New Jersey's 18th straight loss from the start of the season, an NBA record.

for the Mavericks, who led by 31 points in the third quarter. Erick Dampier added 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Jason Terry also scored 18 points.

The Nets, the NBA's worst team in scoring and shooting, could only blame their defense this time, which gives new coach Kiki Vandeweghe something to address when he runs his first practice Thursday.

Vandeweghe, the Nets' general manager, replaced the fired Lawrence Frank and will coach the team the rest of the season — but not quite yet. Though his hiring was announced Tuesday, Vandeweghe won't coach his first game until Friday.

Vandeweghe handled the pregame coach's meeting with reporters, then sat in a seat above center court with Del Harris, the former Dallas assistant who will join him on the bench.

Dallas shot 89.5 percent in the second quarter, hitting its final nine shots and making all 10 free throws to build a 77-50 lead.

There were only a few boos, but then

again there weren't many fans. The Nets have been plagued by poor crowds for years, and a chance to see history or Kiddwasn't enough to change that, as attendance was announced at just 11,689.

Some fans left early — a few heckling Vandeweghe and Harris on their way out — while two sitting courtside wearing Santa Claus hat-covered paper bags that read "0-18" over their heads were still there in the fourth quarter.

Eyeing the summer of 2010 free-agent class and still planning a long-delayed move to Brooklyn, the Nets have made a series of cost-cutting moves in recent seasons, trading Kidd and other players who helped them become a perennial playoff team.

"It's unfortunate. There's nobody on that team that was a part of the run we had here," Kidd said. "They're going in a different direction. Personnel-wise, they're young. They got some young talent. The future is bright for them if they can stay together and stay healthy."



BILL KOSTROUN/A

Nets interim coach Tom Barrise reacts during the second quarter, when Dallas made 17 of 19 shots and led by 27.

Hawks hit a high note with 'one of those nights'

By Charles Odum
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — For a change, the Toronto Raptors couldn't lean on Chris Bosh and the Atlanta Hawks didn't have to lean on Joe Johnson

The Hawks came out far better in that comparison of two of the NBA's top 11 scorers.

Al Horford had 24 points to lead nine scorers in double figures and the Hawks enjoyed their best offensive night in 16 years to beat the slumping Raptors 146-115 on Wednesday night.

"It was fun. It was one of those nights where we couldn't miss," Horford said.

Bosh, who averages 25.2 points, had a season-low two points in only 16 minutes. That left the Raptors with far too little offense

to keep up with the Hawks' highest-scoring game since Jan. 30, 1993, when they beat Philadelphia 149-123.

The Raptors suffered their fifth straight loss. The Hawks regained their momentum after losing three of four.

ing three of four.

"We were simply outclassed,"
Toronto coach Jay Triano said.

"They just destroyed us."

Atlanta, held below 90 points in its last three losses, enjoyed an offensive revival against the Raptors, who are next to last in the NBA with their average of 109.1 points allowed.

"We didn't magically appear last on the charts defensively," Bosh said, adding the team's "defensive effort hasn't been there for a while. ... I mean, tonight was just a total embarrassment."

Bosh sat out much of the first

half with foul trouble and most of the second half after the Hawks led by more than 20 points. The two points were Bosh's low total since scoring one point at Milwaukee on Nov. 6, 2007.

Bosh's only points came on two free throws in the third period, but he was more concerned about his team's defensive lapses.

"We've got to care about it," Bosh said. "That's what it comes down to. Have some pride. Without that pride teams just score at will, like they did tonight.

"If we did care we wouldn't give up 145 points."

The Hawks had nine players in double figures for the first time since Dec. 4, 1987, against New Jersey.

"I think everybody pretty much knows we're an explosive team," Johnson said. "Our consistency is where we're lacking. We've got to figure it out on the road instead of just bringing it at home."

The Hawks were playing their first game since losing at Detroit on Sunday. Coach Mike Woodson used the time to stress defense in practice.

"It got a little intense the last couple of days and we needed that," Woodson said. "We had been lagging from a defensive standpoint and rebounding the ball."

After they were outrebounded 53-27 at Detroit, the Hawks had 26 rebounds in just the first half against Toronto and claimed a 51-29 advantage for the game.

29 advantage for the game.

The Raptors arrived in Atlanta early Wednesday after losing to Washington in Toronto on Tuesday night and fell to 0-4 in the second game of back-to-backs.

"I think it had something to do

with their back-to-back games," said Atlanta's Jamal Crawford, who had 16 points. "We jumped out early and didn't look back the whole game."

DeMar DeRozan had 21 points and Marco Belinelli added 16 for Toronto.

Eleven Atlanta players scored and Maurice Evans had nine points to narrowly miss giving the Hawks 10 players in double figures.

Josh Smith had 16 points, including 12 in the opening period, and four blocks. Marvin Williams added 15 points.

The Hawks stretched their lead by scoring 42 points in the second period, a season high for any period, for a 75-54 halftime lead. Atlanta kept on the pressure by adding 39 points in the third quarter